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Chirac stands firm against strike chaos

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, faced with a damaging rail strike and threats of wider public sector unrest, yesterday ruled out any pay-rise concessions endangering his conservative Cabinet's anti-inflation economic policies.

In his first public statement on the 19-day-old strike by train drivers that has virtually crippled the rail network, M Chirac made clear that he is prepared for a confrontation with the trade unions.

He said: "It is not the intention of the Government to take risks through a loss of control over wages which would start in this or that public sector company and then spread to the whole of the public and private sectors".

The Prime Minister said that to lose control of wages would mean going back to policies similar to "those we saw between 1981 and 1986 [when the socialists were in power], which resulted in the destruction of 600,000 jobs at the cost of blue-collar workers and young people, that is to say the least-favoured among us. That is not my idea of a social policy."

M Chirac insisted that the Government had no intention of risking the undermining of its policies for the economic recovery of the country.

His comments, made during a New Year ceremony in Paris, came after a call by the Communist-led CGT trade union for industrial action throughout the public sector.

The Government is proposing a 2 per cent rise in wage bills for the 4.5 Million workers in the public sector, including the railwaymen, with the possibility of a 3 per cent rise where productivity gains can be shown. But that includes increases for promotion and length of service and is therefore likely to lead to a fall in real terms in basic wages.



M Chirac: Ready for trial of strength with unions.

Having obtained the withdrawal of the disputed merit-based pay scales which sparked off the rail strike, the rail workers are now pressing for higher basic wage increases and better conditions of service.

The management has said that there is no question of any improvement in the present offer.

After the beginnings of a trickle back to work at the weekend, there was little sign yesterday of any further movement to end the strike. Train services continued on much the same level as on Sunday, with only 40 per cent of mainline trains and 50 per cent of Paris suburban line trains operating normally.

In several areas the police again had to be called in to remove strikers from blocking tracks and occupying signal boxes.

There were no reports of any violent incidents, but the strikers are becoming increasingly angry at the increased police presence in the stations.

More than 300 railway workers demonstrated outside the Ministry of Transport yesterday at the call of the non-union national strike coordinating committee. They chanted: "The strike goes on! We shall win!"

M Chirac has called a meeting of his Cabinet for this morning to discuss the implications of the strike in the context of the whole economic and industrial situation before taking part in a two-hour radio programme tonight.

He will have to answer criticism about the Government's refusal to intervene directly in the strike not only from socialists, but also from some of his own supporters.

In a front-page editorial in *Le Figaro* yesterday, M Alain Peyrefitte, the former Gaullist minister and editor-in-chief of the newspaper, accused the Government of turning its back on the problem.

● The rail unions have called for further industrial stoppages throughout France. The CGT leader, M Henri Krasucki, writing in the Communist daily *L'Humanité*, urged stoppages and demonstrations in all public sector and nationalized bodies.

Three successors remember Harold Macmillan



Mrs Thatcher, Lord Home of the Hirsel and Mr Edward Heath paying their last respects to Harold Macmillan (Photograph: Chris Harris).

'I think I will go to sleep now'

By Howard Foster

Harold Macmillan was buried in a quiet Sussex churchyard after a private service near his family home yesterday.

The coffin of Lord Stockton, who died last Monday aged 92, was borne by six workers from his family estate of Birch Grove at Horsted Keynes, East Sussex, and was laid to rest in the family burial plot next to his wife, Lady Dorothy, who died in 1966.

Villagers waited outside the eleventh-century church of St Giles to see the arrival of 200 mourners, including Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Mrs Thatcher, two former Conservative prime ministers, Lord Home of the Hirsel and Mr Edward Heath, as well as 64 members of the Macmillan family.

Shortly after 11 the oak coffin, draped in blue velvet with a wreath of white flowers and Lord Stockton's Order of Merit insignia resting upon it, was carried slowly under the simple iron arch of the churchyard entrance, past a flag of St George flown at half mast and into the church.

Beside the paths leading into the church and to the Macmillan burial ground, staff had placed dozens of wreaths sent by family, friends and admirers.

On the grass lay one from the Prince of Wales which read: "In admiring memory, from Charles".

Next to it was another one with a simple message from the Horsted Keynes 1st Scout Group — a reminder that Mr Harold, as he was known locally, was always approachable despite his eminence and wealth.

Viscount Macmillan of Ovenden, his grandson and heir, said that his grandfather had kept his wits until the very end: "In the last 48 hours he was very weak but entirely reasonable and intelligent", he said. "His last words were, 'I think I will go to sleep now'."

The church, where the Earl of Stockton had worshipped since the beginning of the

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Blood transfusion service and BMA clash over Aids

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A clash on Aids guidelines developed yesterday between the British Medical Association and the National Blood Transfusion Service over who should or should not donate blood.

The disagreement could lead to public confusion and alarm, and "decimate" the number of donors coming forward, an expert in the tranfusion network said. Both organizations conceded that their differences were "regrettable".

The association said that any man or woman who had a casual sexual relationship in the past four years should not offer blood, in conflict with the transfusion service's own advice which only excludes specific, high-risk groups.

The association also said that it could see no reason why male homosexuals who had been in a monogomous relationship for eight years or more should not donate blood.

However, a leaflet from the transfusion service insists that no homosexual man should give blood.

The disagreement occurred despite the efforts of both organizations to provide clear advice about the risks associated with the disease.

It overshadowed the association's announcement of a collaboration with BBC local radio stations in which Aids education programmes will be combined with a new information leaflet.

Experts in the blood transfusion service have been worried about the potential shortage of donors that could result from the current advice to "high-risk" groups such as homosexuals, intravenous drug abusers and their sexual partners not to offer blood. A 15 per cent drop in London blood stocks has already resulted.

But they are also anxious to prevent any Aids-infected blood slipping through the existing screening system and being used in a transfusion.

Such a case was reported at the weekend in Glasgow, where a man suffering from leukaemia became infected after being given blood. That was a "million to one chance", a transfusion specialist said yesterday.

Donated blood is routinely

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Guinness says that Saunders will stay

Guinness yesterday moved quickly to dispel rumours that Mr Ernest Saunders, its chairman and chief executive, would be resigning over the Government's investigation into the brewing and leisure company.

At the same time, Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, rejected Labour calls for an interim report.

Further details emerged yesterday about allegations that Guinness had illegally purchased 2.1 million of its own shares for £7.6 million.

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, denied reports in *The Times* yesterday that it was holding this £7.6 million in a frozen bank account, and said that Guinness had indeed bought the shares.

However, two letters sent by Ansbacher to Guinness state that Ansbacher was holding the money on deposit.

Mr Howard dismissed Labour's call for ministers to make an early detailed announcement of the scale, nature and duration of its investigation into Guinness or suspend dealings in the company's shares while the inquiry was in progress.

Suspending dealings was a matter for the Stock Exchange, he said, pointing out that all those currently engaged in transactions were doing so in the full knowledge that an investigation was taking place.

An announcement about the length of the inquiry was "absolutely impossible" because the inspectors were still uncovering the facts.

Pressure on Paris to hit back at Libya

By Nicholas Beeston

The French Government was under growing pressure yesterday to use its air force in Chad to retaliate against Libyan military targets, following the raid by Libyan jets on Sunday against a village in a government-controlled sector of the country.

A spokesman for the French Ministry of Defence confirmed that four Libyan MiG23s had dropped five bombs on the village of Arada, killing one civilian.

The disclosure coincided with claims by Ndjamena that Libya was massing Soviet-made fighters, bombers and helicopter gunships in southern Libya and northern Chad.

Yesterday the French newspaper *Liberation* published an interview with Colonel Gaddafi, in which the Libyan leader admitted sending "a few hundred" troops into Chad, ostensibly to rescue 20 Libyan technicians held hostage by former Chadian rebels.

The Chadian government and the US are pressing President Mitterrand to commit French forces based in Chad into action.

France has a 1,400-man garrison and 10 Jaguar and Mirage jets deployed along its former colony's 16th parallel, which separates the government-controlled south from the rebel-held north, where an estimated 8,000 Libyan troops and Moslem mercenaries are stationed.

Paris has repeatedly warned Tripoli that its forces will punish any incursions below the demarcation line.

Top Soviet delegation in Kabul

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, and senior Kremlin foreign policy experts held surprise talks in Kabul yesterday soon after the launch of a peace drive by Afghanistan's communist leaders.

Kabul Radio said that the Russians' talks with Dr Najib, the Afghan leader, passed in an atmosphere of friendship, but gave no details Page 6

Tower Bridge hit by barge

Tower Bridge was seriously damaged by a barge carrying a giant crane which crashed into it yesterday. Masonry crashed into the Thames after the collision at 5.17pm and both bridge and river were closed to traffic.

Slum warning

Lord Scarman has predicted that increasing homelessness and urban decay could give rise to the growth in Britain of a slum society akin to "Fagin's London" Page 5

Papers burnt

Peking students burned copies of the *Peking Daily* and other official newspapers which they accuse of distorting news of recent protests for more democracy in China Page 7

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Canadian buy

Crownx, the Canadian financial services and health care group, has bought a 14.9 per cent stake in Mercantile House, the financial services group Page 17

Big deals

Everton have agreed to pay about £800,000 for Ian Snodin from Leeds United and Liverpool a similar price for John Aldridge from Oxford United Page 32

Managers go

Two managers, Alan Mullery, of Brighton, and Trevor Cherry, of Bradford City, were sacked by their clubs yesterday Page 32

Portfolio Gold

● The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won yesterday by Ms Mary Cheves, of North Wamborough, Hampshire. Details, page 3.

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Reagan cleared in cancer check-up

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday underwent a one-hour operation, under local anaesthetic, for an enlarged prostate gland. The White House also said that laboratory analysis of the four small polyps removed from his colon on Sunday showed no trace of cancer.

The prostate operation, to relieve persistent urinary discomfort, was performed in Bethesda Naval Hospital by Reagan family doctors and surgeons from the renowned Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said surgery began at 8.15 yesterday morning and was completed an hour later.

The President was given a spinal anaesthetic and was fully conscious throughout the operation. He did not therefore need to transfer his power temporarily to Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, as he did during his colon cancer operation in July 1985.

Colonel John Hutton, Mr Reagan's personal doctor, said afterwards there was no trace of cancer in the urinary tissue removed. The doctors are not expected to give further details, in deference to Mrs Nancy Reagan's wishes.

The transurethral resection of the prostate is considered routine. Mr Reagan will return to the White House later this week.

The removal of the four polyps in Mr Reagan's colon was part of his regular checks following his colon operation.

Shortly before surgery yesterday Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, arrived to brief the President.

Dr Hutton said that on Sunday Mr Reagan had a cardiovascular examination, including a stress test, pulmonary function tests and chest X-rays. All were normal. And in a clear attempt to portray Mr Reagan as fit and ready for action, he said the President felt good and "immediately began reading briefing papers" on official business.

Winter on its way from the east

By Robin Young

The Meteorological Office took the unusual step of issuing a cold warning yesterday. Winter is suddenly on its way, with temperatures plunging to seven degrees below freezing or lower over the next few days.

Cold easterly winds will reach the east coast this evening and spread to all parts tomorrow, bringing snow and severe overnight frosts.

A spokesman at the London Weather Centre said that the cold snap will bring temperatures everywhere down to four or five degrees below the seasonal average. They are unlikely to rise more than two degrees above freezing anywhere during the day.

The coldest nights are predicted to be Wednesday and probably Thursday.

However it is unlikely that the cold snap will be sufficiently intense or of long enough duration to trigger the Government's emergency heating payments to householders on supplementary benefit.

Under the scheme, in force since December, eligible claimants get a single payment of £5 a week for every week, Monday to Sunday, when the average temperature is minus 1.5C or less.

Critics of the scheme have pointed out that in February last year, when some estimates claimed that 7,000 elderly people had died of the cold, the average temperature was only minus 0.9C.

Age Concern said yesterday that it was in close touch with the Meteorological Office but had not yet decided to issue a "red alert" in its campaign to help the elderly keep warm.

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Inspector 'shot first person he saw'

A police inspector shot the "first person who hove into view" during a raid on a house in Brixton, south London, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Inspector Douglas Lovelock, aged 42, aimed his revolver without knowing whether the target was a man, woman or child, Mr Richard du Cann, for the prosecution, said.

Mrs Cherry Groce was paralysed from the waist down as a result of the shooting in September 1985, which sparked riots.

Today she is due to give evidence from a wheelchair against Insp Lovelock, who has pleaded not guilty to malicious wounding.

The inspector has been suspended from duty since the incident, which occurred when officers he was leading burst into Mrs Groce's house in search of her son, Michael, who was wanted for firearms offences.

Mr du Cann said yesterday that the inspector had unlawfully and unjustifiably trained his .38 revolver on Mrs Groce and fired.

He said that Insp Lovelock had later told an investigating officer that the shot he fired was "a terrible, terrible accident".

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Labour's 'sinister plot to buy votes'

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Labour-controlled councils are showering minority groups with millions of pounds in an attempt to buy support at elections, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said last night.

One Labour council was even asking anglers, dog lovers, beekeepers, golfers and yachtsmen what grants they would like as part of the plan "to put together a majority of people who are beholden," he said.

The "sinister" strategy behind the flamboyant spending by Labour town halls was to make more and more minority groups dependent on their largess and "form a permanent political majority".

Mr Ridley's attack, the latest by ministers against the "loony left," came as senior Labour officials denied reports that any Kinnock government would provide up to £2 billion extra for Labour councils facing a crisis because of creative accountancy techniques employed to avoid cuts in services.

Speaking in his Cirencester and Tewkesbury constituency, Mr Ridley launched a preemptive strike against a campaign to be initiated next month by Mr Kinnock aiming to extol the record of Labour in local government. Mr Ridley said Labour's record was to soak the ratepayers, but not to improve services.

The Audit Commission, which acts as a local government finance watchdog, had identified a number of Labour councils which were facing financial collapse because of their extravagance "just as New York did 10 years ago."

"Where is all this money spent on? Far from being spent on 'improving services' it goes on subsidized inefficiency and a plethora of left wing causes, such as promoting homosexuality, lesbian rights, attacking the police and promoting 'positive discrimination.'

"They are employing thousands of co-ordinators, race relation advisers and researchers, and appointing political activists to key jobs in the town hall. Expensive nuclear-free zones are declared, street names are changed to 'Nelson Mandela Road' and twinning arrangments made with towns in Nicaragua.

Officials at North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council were outraged last night by the suggestion that Mr Ridley might have been referring to them.

An official described how three months ago the council applied for an increase of £10 million in the £93 million allocated for expenditure in the next financial year.

"Grants really are a side issue. They form only a miniscule part of the extra money we have applied for and represent the small amounts we offer to worthy local organizations and, for example, young people who have a promising sporting future ahead of them."

Labour strategists now admit that the Government's assault against the "loony left" has been more damaging than criticism of its defence policy.

BBC rejects new talks to settle dispute

The BBC refused last night to enter into new negotiations with striking electricians unless their union agrees to talks covering all weekly-paid employees.

The rejection of new talks came after Acas, the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, offered its services as a mediator to end the strike by 500 electricians. The union said that it was ready to accept the offer.

BBC sources said that the Corporation wanted a broad pay and productivity agreement with its 5,500 employees paid on the same basis as the electricians, and would not negotiate piecemeal with fewer than 10 per cent.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Princess triumphs in foreign popularity

The Princess of Wales is still by far the most popular Briton with foreigners, according to a survey published in the magazine *Woman's Own* today.

It aimed to discover who, among the household names in this country, creates most interest in six other countries.

She ranks first in five countries – West Germany, Japan, Spain, Australia and South Africa.

● Mr Kenneth Morgan, the director of the Press Council, said yesterday he was "saddened" that some press photographers had ignored the Royal Family's request for privacy during their New Year holiday at Sandringham. Over the weekend there was a worsening of relations between the Royal Family and the photographers, as they tried to take photographs of her on horseback.

Records for Rover

The Range Rover has achieved record sales for the third consecutive year in Britain and production has reached its highest level.

The boost comes as the company prepares to launch the vehicle in the United States in March.

British registrations topped the 1985 total of 3,381 by September last year, with the total for the whole of 1986 rising 25 per cent.

The increased output follows the switching of Land Rover workers to the Range Rover.

Today's new chief

Mr Dennis Hackett was named yesterday as the new editor-in-chief of *Today*. He says there will be changes in the newspaper by the middle of the month.

He hopes to improve sales of the newspaper, which celebrates its first birthday next month.

Mr Hackett, aged 57, joined *Today* last April as executive editor. He previously worked for *The Times*, *Daily Mail* and other titles. He succeeds Mr Brian MacArthur, who resigned last month to join *The Sunday Times*.

O'Neill play blocked

A television company in the United States has blocked an American production of Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*, which was to have begun an international drama series at the National Theatre, London next month.

The theatre said yesterday that Barnard Hughes, one of the leading actors, could not be released from a contract for a television series. It had been decided that he could not be replaced without compromising the quality of the O'Neill production so all seven performances of the play, starring Jason Robards as Hickey, had been cancelled.

The gap will be filled by extra performances of present productions at the Lyttleton Theatre. Booking for the O'Neill play had not opened to the public.

Vaughan loses role



Frankie Vaughan, the singer, (right) saying farewell yesterday to a nurse as he left hospital after an emergency operation for peritonitis, and it was disclosed that he had lost his role in the musical, *42nd Street*.

The show's executive producer said Mr Vaughan had to go because he was not well enough to continue, and the jobs of 235 people connected with the show could have been in jeopardy, but the star complained that he had been treated "abominably" and may sue.

Counterfeit charge

An American artist whose paintings depict paper currency was accused at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westminster, yesterday of making counterfeit English banknotes.

James Stephen George Boggs, aged 31, of Denning Road, Hampstead, north London, who was charged under the 1981 Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, is alleged to have made the notes "without having previously obtained written consent of the relevant authority".

The private prosecution by the Bank of England arises from his exhibition at the Young Unknown Gallery in Blackfriars, central London, last November. The hearing was ajourned.

New-look Bar poised to defend rights

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Bar enters a new era this week, with a radically reformed consitution, ready to adopt a tough, "trade union-like" role in the face of challenges by solicitors and others to its interests.

It also has a new chairman who dislikes wigs and the present way judges are appointed.

The new General Council of the Bar, from which judges are excluded, is intended to provide a more professional body adapted to tackling problems and fighting for the profession's interests.

It has been created on the basis of a report by Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, which urged a radical reform of the constitution if the Bar was going to be responsive to challenges, such as pressure by solicitors for greater rights to appear in the higher courts.

The new 97-member council which replaces the old power-sharing between the Bar Council and the Senate of the four Inns of Court, will be more representative of young barristers and the provincial Bar. The four Inns of Court can nominate representatives but they can no longer be judges.

Its creation coincides with a new Bar chairman, Mr Peter Scott, QC, aged 51, who took over this month. He is likely to prove as tough a fighter in the face of any challenges to the Bar's monopoly of rights of audience or over legal aid fees as his predecessor, Mr Robert Alexander, QC.

He is also keen on certain aspects of legal reform: in particular he is on record as criticizing the present judicial apppointments system and would like to see a more structured career path for would-be judges.

In this way the road to the bench would be embarked on at an early stage. There would not be the problem of selection 20 years into a legal career, which depends greatly on the impressions formed by other judges and barristers.

There are also rumblings over lawyers' apparel. After the recent child abuse case where Judge Greenwood invited everyone in court to take off their robes, Mr Ludovic Kennedy, the broadcaster and legal rights campaigner, called for wigs to be abolished altogether.

Talks are under way for pay rises from April 1 for legal aid work and this time round the Bar will be concentrating on the rates for civil legal aid work, as well as further criminal legal aid rises.

It wants to see abolished the automatic 10 per cent deduction in some civil legal aid bills before they are paid.

Solicitors are pressing for wider rights of audience but under Mr Scott the Bar is likely to take an even more cautious view of any change to present rules.

The joint efficiency commission between the legal profession and the Government is looking at granting solicitors' rights to appear in non-jury cases in the crown court. The Bar has yet to form a view but its new leaders are not thought to be in favour.

The new structure of the Bar Council will involve four main committees, covering the Bar's affairs such as pay; professional standards; public affairs and finance and general purposes.

Kinnock gets majority on expulsions inquiry team

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr Neil Kinnock won his fight last night for a clear majority on the new Labour Party disciplinary committee which will investigate all future expulsions of Militant Tendency supporters.

The results of the postal ballot disclosed that only four of the 11-strong national constitutional committee are on the left wing of the party.

But the unexpected success in the ballot of Mr Alan Quinn, a hard-left member of the Transport and General Workers' Union, looks likely to embarrass the leadership. Mr Quinn may be dismissed from his union for an alleged assault on a fellow member.

The TGWU's inner cabinet will decide next week whether to agree to demands from regional officers to bar Mr Quinn from the union for life for an alleged assault on Mr Denis Mills, the Birmingham lorry drivers' leader.

Mr Quinn came third out of the trade union nominations in the postal ballot for the committee, polling 3,376,000 votes. Top of the poll were two right-wing members, Mr Alan Hadden of the boilermakers' union, who is tipped to be its chairman, and Mr F Binks, of the Union of Communication Workers.

The three representatives of the constituency Labour parties are all on the left wing of the party, Miss Mandy Moore, from Tottenham, north London; Mr Ken Slater, from Hyndburn, Lancashire; and Mr John Burrows, from Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

The Labour Party set up the national constitutional committee to take the spotlight of the politically-damaging expulsions away from Mr Neil Kinnock and the national executive committee.

The radical change in the way disciplinary cases are handled was agreed at last autumn's annual conference at Blackpool, in spite of fierce opposition from the hard left.

Until now the national executive committee has dealt with all the expulsions, which have been time-consuming. The NEC also hopes the new system will make it less likely for expulsions to be challenged in the courts, as was done by Mr Derek Hatton and the other Liverpool Militants.

The party is still plagued by its dispute with the Militant supporters. Mr Kinnock has started procedures for expelling Mr Tony Byrne, the new leader of Liverpool Labour group, and Mr Tony Hood, the secretary, from the party.

There is also an inquiry into Knowsley North constituency where the NEC imposed its own candidate, Mr George Howarth, for the recent by-election.



Alison Rimmel (right), of London, and other British Trust for Conservation volunteers at work on the sand dunes of Braunton Burrows, North Devon, where they have been helping to protect rare flowers from encroaching scrub.

'Schools in Brent near crisis'

By John Clare and Richard Evans

Schooling in the Labour-controlled London borough of Brent could be reaching crisis point, a government minister said yesterday.

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Local Government and MP for Brent North, said twice as many teachers had resigned last term compared with two years ago.

The resignations included 11 of the 72 primary school heads. They came at a time when attention was focussed on the borough because of the council's attempt to discipline Miss Maureen McGoldrick, an infants' school head accused of making a racist remark.

Dr Boyson said teachers were showing they had no confidence in Brent's "hard-left" administration. Parents, too, were voting with their feet: more than a quarter of children in Brent were being educated outside the borough and the proportion was "very likely to increase".

Similar concern was expressed yesterday by Mr Praful Patel, the Labour candidate who will oppose Dr Boyson at the general election. He wrote to Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, warning them that the education crisis in Brent "could do lasting damage to the Labour Party".

Mr Patel said he feared that the Conservatives were succeeding in "shifting the blame on to the Labour Party" and he urged Mr Kinnock and Mr Willis to intervene to seek "peace and reconciliation".

Act gives parents more say

By Our Education Correspondent

All 30,000 state schools in England and Wales must hold a parents' meeting between now and the end of the summer term, the Department of Education said yesterday.

It issued a circular which contains guidance on implementing those sections of the new Education Act which come into force tomorrow.

The Act places a duty on local education authorities to publish their curriculum policy and requires school governing bodies to prepare an annual report to parents.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said: "I am particularly glad that the new requirement for governors' annual reports and parents' meetings will enable all parents to make a fuller contribution to the life of their children's schools in this school year."

Parents will be able to raise any matter at the meetings which concerns them and has a bearing on the school.

At least two weeks before the meeting they will receive a free copy of the governors' report which, the circular says, must be a "straightforward factual document" containing a brief summary of how they have discharged their functions.

New safeguards in the teaching of political and sexual matters also come into force tomorrow.

Other sections of the Act, including the abolition of corporal punishment, do not come into effect until later in the year.

Colliery fire

Verdict today on pit's fate

British Coal will learn today whether their efforts to save Seafield Colliery, Scotland's showpiece pit at Kirkcaldy, in Fife, have been successful.

Last night, engineers returned underground after a 24-hour respite to discover if the fire, which has raged since New Year's Day, had been put out.

Three concrete plugs had been formed at entrances to access roads leading to the burning Coronation L15 seam, in an attempt to block the flow of oxygen to the blaze.

British Coal say that even if the fire was burning, itmightstill be safe for men to resume working at the remaining Dysart D19 face on Thursday.

The highly-productive L15 face was lost at an early stage, along with £4m worth of equipment.

In the long-term, it is unlikely that, with only one face remaining, Seafield will continue to employ all the 820 men presently working at the pit.

The unions would react badly to redundancies at this stage because rules governing pay-offs changed last week; men leaving now would collect less than half the amount they would have received last year.

There would also be little chance for men to transfer to other pits.

However, Mr George McAlpine, British Coal's Scottish area director, may yet salvage something from the disaster.

If he gets agreement from the unions he could begin round-the-clock working on D19, which is still capable of yielding plenty of high-quality coal.

His aim would be to reach the target of four tonnes per man-shift, putting it on a par with the most modern pits in England.

He has indicated that if they do reach the target he will go to British Coal and argue for an investment of about £55 million to redevelop the Frances Colliery near by which was closed two years ago because of similar problems with fires.

British Coal may feel that the money would be justified because of the level of investment so far made in the area, the good quality of the coal remaining and because of the desire to avoid compulsory redundancies.

● British Coal should speed up research into mining coal by robots after the fire at the Seafield pit, according to Mr Meredith Thring, emeritus professor of mechanical engineering at Queen Mary College, London.

The robotics expert says such techniques would totally eliminate the need for men at the pit face, so mine workings would not have to be ventilated.

This was the essential cause of the spontaneous combustion which led to the fire at Seafield.

Starved of oxygen from ventilation air, the chemical reaction that leads to combustion cannot occur.

Threat of poaching war for 737 pilots

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

A world-wide demand for pilots, especially those with the Boeing 737 on their licence, has led to fears of a "pilot poaching war" among airlines.

Hundreds of senior pilots have retired within the past few years but they have not been replaced by juniors because training of new entrants virtually stopped in 1979.

Now the airlines are poised to begin recruiting heavily again. Their priority will be to find co-pilots with experience on passenger aircraft who want to improve their promotion prospects or move up to a bigger airline.

Leading the way will be British Airways. It is about to launch a recruiting drive for 100 trained pilots to join it immediately.

Many are expected to come from foreign airlines which they joined because there were no jobs for them in Britain. Others will be recruited from the RAF where they are flying transport aircraft.

However, many smaller airlines are recruiting too. Britannia Airways has just completed the recruitment of 50 and are expected to need another 30 within a few months. Air Europe will need at least another 40 to fly its expanding fleet of Boeing 737s.

It is feared that these, and others which are seeking new pilots, will "poach" the better pilots from the many small regional and commuter airlines.

Those in turn will look to air taxi operators and flying schools for replacements, leading to a shortage there.

British Airways will be anxious to avoid affecting the supply of training staff. It will be announcing details of its plans to open a new flying school in Prestwick, Scotland, in which it will train beginners for its recruitment needs of the 1990s and beyond.

It will need at least 100 beginner pilots from the school each year and they will have to be trained by qualified staff.

The pilot shortage, predicted for years, has had little real impact as airlines have managed to find suitable pilots flying for small organizations, who are keen to get a job with a larger airline.

But the situation could change rapidly now that recruitment has started again on a large scale.

Catholics jobs row settled

Recruitment of about 200 workers for a new subsidiary plant of Shorts, the Belfast aerospace company in the predominantly Catholic west of the city, is expected to begin soon after being held up for nearly two years by an inter-union dispute.

Shorts announced in 1984 that it was taking over part of the former De Lorean car plants at Dunmurry to spread job opportunities more evenly over the city. The company's present workforce is overwhelmingly Protestant and its factories are in east Belfast.

An agreement giving sole negotiating rights to the Transport and General Workers' Union was signed, to the strong objections of other members of the Confederation of Ship Building and Engineering Unions which negotiate collectively at Shorts' other factories.

They blocked the transfer of work or personnel to the new factory, which employs about 24 people rather than the 200 foreseen over its first 12 months.

The Transport and General Workers' Union has now given up sole negotiating rights in view of "the need to create work in west Belfast". They will be handled by the confederation.

Most of the factory's work will result from taking back to Belfast work sub-contracted to mainland Britain — principally to the Westland Group at Cowes, and to British Aerospace.

Surgeon's free work cuts wait

By Jill Sherman

An eye surgeon has agreed to work for nothing to reduce growing waiting lists for cataract operations.

Mr Robert Williams, of the West Sussex Eye Unit, Worthing Hospital, plans to carry out 50 extra operations on Friday evenings to try to reduce waiting times to six months or less.

More than 600 people are waiting for eye operations in Worthing district health authority and many have been waiting for over a year.

Mr Williams said: "We have recently managed to significantly reduce the waiting times by appointing another eye surgeon but we now want to ensure that all people are seen within six months. The people we want to treat are those sitting at home, blind and in misery."

The authority has put in a bid for £15,000 to the Department of Health and Social Security's £50 million waiting list fund. The money is needed to provide the staff back-up and running costs of treating extra patients up so that Mr Williams can carry out the additional sessions. He estimates he will need to carry out at least six extra sessions

Mr Williams said: "The NHS has been caught out by a vast increase in eye surgery and we have a vast backlog to clear. It is very difficult to see how the NHS can clear this without gestures like my own to work in my spare time."

Mr Williams and three consultant colleagues operate on more than 1,800 patients a year, but the waiting list is continually expanding because of the influx of elderly people to the south coast.

"Sixty per cent of the people on GP waiting lists in this area are over 60, compared to 15 per cent in other areas of the country. It is nothing to do with health service cuts but we are coping with a fourfold increase in patients."

Rail strike denial by Aslef

The train drivers' union Aslef yesterday dismissed reports that members in the South-east were planning unofficial strike action over the introduction of new working practices.

Under the new agreements, worked out with the union, there will be more driver-only trains and the maximum distance a driver can cover in one shift will increse

The number of drivers and their assistants will be decreased by about 1,500 over the next two years, but there will be no redundancies.

British Rail said yesterday the new agreement, which is due to come into force on January 19, would not affect safety standards and reflected the higher speeds and shorter journey times of modern trains.

However, an Aslef spokeswoman said: "We didn't want the agreement. We signed it because we feared British Rail would impose a worse one."

She said there was discontentment among members, but she would have expected to hear of any action being planned.

Print union militants to fight merger moves

By Tim Jones

Hard-line militants of Sogat '82, Britain's largest print union, are preparing a counter attack against plans to merge the traditionally jealously independent branches in Fleet Street into one cohesive bargaining unit.

Falling membership in London, caused by other managements following the example of News International's move of *The Times* and its three other national newspapers to new high technology premises at Wapping, has caused the union to consider the hitherto unthinkable step of making 48 full-time staff and officers redundant, and concentrating six separate branches into one building.

The proposal is destined to create a political and ideological battle within the union. The branches have historically been used to almost total autonomy.

According to some senior Sogat officials, this traditional "strength", in which newspapers managements were forced to negotiate with separate chapels (office branches) within the same building, has become a weakness.

Members of Sogat's London district council believe the union must be united into a cohesive "one strategy" force in a way that in London, at least, it has never before been.

But militants, defensive of their power and fearing an erosion of their base, are preparing a campaign to overthrow the proposals. In particular, they are extremely resentful of any suggestion of redundancies.

Owen laments brain drain of scientists

By John Winder

Britain is likely to lose a generation of scientists because of a second brain drain, Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said yesterday.

"As in the early 1960s, we are now losing our skilled scientists, and at a rate we can ill afford. Since 1980 an average of 1,000 British scientists and engineers have settled permanently in the United States each year."

Dr Owen compared this with only 1,000 scientists and engineers from the rest of the EEC countries put together who have settled in the United States.

He said the statistic was deeply worrying for the future and, unless it was corrected, Britain would have appalling problems in competing with its European neighbours, let alone with the United States and Japan.

Britain was bottom of the league of industrial nations in the proportion of national income spent on scientific and engineering research, he said.

A significant and sustained effort was needed to improve the status of scientists and engineers to arrest the current drain, Dr Owen said.

Last year's one-off addition of £15 million to the science budget had been a start, but would only bring the country back to the spending level of 1974 in real terms.

He promised that the Alliance would give priority to funds for education and training, operating through schools, universities and polytechnics, research establishments and professional institutes.

Child sex case man is jailed

The stepfather of Sarah Harper, the murdered choirgirl, was jailed for two-and-a-half years yesterday for sex assaults on schoolgirls.

Nigel Woollin, aged 25, of Stubley Road, Heckmondwike, North Yorkshire, had pleaded guilty at Leeds Crown Court to two sample charges of indecently assulting a girl aged nine. He asked for another offence involving a girl aged 8 to be considered.

Confident Branson dismisses clean-up critics

By Robin Young

Mr Richard Branson, chairman of the UK 2000 environmental campaign, yesterday dismissed as "inaccurate and misleading" claims by Labour Party and trade union spokesmen that the project was failing in its objectives.

Mr Branson, the head of the Virgin record company, said from his London houseboat: "We have so far achieved everything that we set out to achieve. I took on the chairmanship for a year from last July to get the project on the road. I am confident that within the year the thing will be fully up and rolling."

Mr Branson said that he would be "disheartened" if reported claims of hostility to the project from trade unions and local authorities were coming from authoritative sources within the Labour Party.

"I took on the chairmanship only after I had met Jack Cunningham from the Labour Party, and David Owen and David Steel, and received assurances from all three that UK 2000 was the sort of project they would support if their party became the Government," he said.

Mr Branson has complained from the outset that the project has been misrepresented as an anti-litter campaign. "It is more far-reaching than that. There is no way we would bring together leading voluntary organizations and sponsors just to empty dustbins on the cheap," he said.

Mrs Beverley Johnstone, the co-ordinator of UK 2000, said yesterday that the campaign had put 880 young unemployed people to work on community projects. The number was expected to rise to 3,000 by March, as more projects got under way. The scheme had also raised £400,000 in sponsorship.

Mrs Johnstone said that the project had received "many times more" inquiries from local authorities anxious to know how they could become involved than it had had expressions of opposition.

"Similarly, I think that local trade unions often take a very different line from that enunciated by their central headquarters," she said.

"All our projects have to be agreed with local authorities and the trade unions through the Manpower Services Commission, and it takes three months in each case to get all the necessary approvals."

The biggest UK 2000 project approved to date is in Rossendale, near Manchester, where 117 young people are converting an old mill into a study centre, establishing two nature parks, and improving the local riverscape.

It was recently announced that the project would be spearheaded in Wales by the Prince of Wales's charity, the Prince's Trust, and Mr Branson said yesterday that agreement had now been reached to launch UK 2000 in Scotland.

Most of the UK 2000 programmes now operating are in areas of high unemployment in the Midlands and North. All are scheduled to run for at least a year, and the organization itself has been assured Government funding for three years.

Mrs Johnstone said that several big environmental schemes, centred on the canal and railway networks in the Midlands, would begin in the spring.

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Tense officer shot Brixton woman as reflex, court told

By Michael McCarthy

The Metropolitan Police inspector who shot a woman in Brixton, south London, in an incident which led to rioting, later described the shooting as "a terrible, terrible accident", a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Douglas Lovelock told an investigating officer that the shot he fired was a purely reflex action caused by him "tensing" with his finger on the trigger, and that he was "dumbfounded" when the shot rang out.

Mr Lovelock, aged 42, a policeman for 22 years with commendations for bravery, pleaded not guilty to maliciously wounding Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce when he led an armed raid on her home in Brixton in pursuit of her son, Michael, on September 28, 1985.

Mrs Groce was shot by the officer with his .38 Smith and Wesson revolver and is permanently paralysed. Serious disturbances broke out in Brixton immediately afterwards, with shops being looted and cars burnt.

Mr Richard du Cann, QC, for the prosecution, urged the jury of six women and six men to put anything they remembered about the disturbances out of their minds.

"It is essential that we start this inquiry free of all preoccupations and of any prejudices of any kind," he said.

The events that led to the shooting, he told the court, began nearly three weeks earlier with an armed robbery in Royston, Hertfordshire.

Hertfordshire police believed that Michael Groce, who was 22 and had a criminal record, could help with their inquiries.

Hertfordshire officers travelled to London on September 26 to speak to him at a flat in Stamford Street, Brixton. On their approach Mr Groce fired a double-barrelled sawn-off shotgun, threatened them with it and escaped.

Over the next two days Metropolitan Police officers joined the Hertfordshire detectives in the search for him and were issued with firearms as Mr Groce was considered violent and dangerous.

A decision was taken on September 27 to raid, early the next morning, his mother's home in Normandy Road, Brixton, which Mr Groce sometimes gave as his address.

> **"I tensed for what I thought was an attack and a shot rang out"**

Mr Lovelock, a trained shot who was based in Kennington, was picked as the leader of the armed entry team, and at 7am on the Friday he headed the squad which burst through the front door of the house.

He later told Mr John Domaille, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, who investigated the incident, that he expected to find Michael Groce on the premises and "maybe many other men", Mr du Cann said.

"It never crossed my mind about women and children at all," the inspector said. "I was thinking that Groce was in there with his mates."

He said he thought of Mr Groce as "a very violent young black man likely to be armed, with the ability to fire."

In fact, Mr du Cann said, Mr Groce was not in the house but his mother Dorothy, aged 38, (known as Cherry) was in the downstairs front bedroom with a friend and two of her seven children.

Mr Lovelock kicked open the door of the bedroom as Mrs Groce, alerted by the noise in the hall, got up and came towards him, and she was shot.

Mr du Cann said the inspector told a senior officer later that day: "I kicked the door open and entered just inside when I was confronted by a person coming upon me. My finger was on the trigger. I tensed for what I thought was an attack and a shot rang out."

He later told Mr Domaille: "I feel that my reaction was purely reflex and a total accident caused by me tensing while my finger was on the trigger. I certainly had no intention whatsoever to fire my gun. This was a terrible accident which I will always regret".

Mr du Cann told the jury: "The prosecution say that the pointing of the gun was unlawful and was unjustified as not being a reasonable act in all the circumstances. A loaded revolver was pointed at the first person who, in effect, hove into view.

"At the moment it was pointed and at the moment it was discharged, the inspector had no idea whether the person was a man, a woman or a child."

The case, before Mr Justice Leonard, continues today when Mrs Groce is expected to give evidence from her wheelchair.



Alan Docherty, aged one, being rescued from his home in Leven Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow, yesterday after a water main burst and caused serious flooding. The water was 15 ft deep in places and dozens of families were made homeless.

Portfolio Gold

Double slice of fortune

A woman whose career has just leapt forward, was the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

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Genetic test '100% reliable'

By Craig Seton

The research scientist who developed the revolutionary genetic "fingerprint" believes it will be one of the most significant advances made in methods of detecting rapists and sex killers.

Dr Alex Jeffreys, of Leicester University, was speaking yesterday as Leicestershire police began the first large scale use of the test, in an attempt to track down the sex murderer of two schoolgirls.

Police have asked for blood and saliva samples from 2,000 men aged between 16 and 34 in the villages of Enderby, Narborough ! and Littlesthorpe, near Leicester, the area where Lynda Mann and Dawn Ashworth, both 15, were sexually assaulted and strangled.

The genetic fingerprint test, which can identify an individual as specifically as a traditional fingerprint, will be used to compare samples given by the men with tissue traces found on the girls' bodies.

Yesterday Dr Jeffreys said police forces and forensic scientists from around the world were keen to use the method, which is known as DNA testing.

He said: "It is a very significant advance, particularly in analysing rape cases." Dr Jeffreys explained that if the police were holding 20 suspects and knew that one was a rapist, but not which one, they could identify the attacker with 100 per cent certainty, using the genetic fingerprint.

"Ours is certainly as good as the ordinary fingerprint," he said. "The chance of two people having the same pattern is one part in many millions, except with identical twins." Dr Jeffreys, who is a reader in genetics at Leicester University, refused to comment on the difference of opinion between ICI, which claims to have exclusive rights to the technique, and the Home Office, whose forensic scientists will use it in the Leicestershire tests.

A spokesman for ICI said yesterday that it was not seeking to prevent or delay the hunt for the murderer, and the company was involved in talks with the Home Office to reach an amicable settlement.

The spokesman said that the Lister Institute for Preventative Medicine – where Dr Jeffreys was a research fellow – owned the rights and had licensed ICI exclusively to develop it commercially.

Dr Jeffreys discovered the process by accident while carrying out genetic research. DNA determines individual body characteristics and Dr Jeffreys discovered that by analysing sections of DNA, a unique genetic identity of each individual could be produced from samples of blood, saliva or semen.

Drink driving

Police urge unified policy

By Guy Ker

The Association of Chief Police Officers was under pressure last night to initiate a special conference designed to formulate a unified policy on drink driving.

The move came after the publication of figures which disclosed a startling divergence in results from different areas over the Christmas and new year holiday period.

Overall, police chiefs were encouraged by signs of a trend indicating an improvement in the public's attitude to drink driving, but the divergence between different areas drew much comment and support for a more unified approach.

During the 13 days which made up the official Christmas and new year break, 4,208 drivers were arrested after registering a positive reading to breath tests, while there were 4,775 people injured in road accidents in England and Wales.

Comparisons with last year were not readily available, because the holiday period at the end of 1985 stretched for 17 days, but of the 26 police forces with statistics for the same number of days as last year, 15 showed an increase, while 11 showed a decrease.

In the West Midlands, road accidents involving injury doubled to 159 over the holiday break, while drink-driving offences jumped to 110, an increase of 50 per cent over figures for the same time last year.

Merseyside police reported a small decline in the number of accidents in which there were injuries, but the number of people arrested for drink driving offences rose to 124 over last year's figure of 78.

Similar increases in the number of motorists caught drink driving have already been recorded in Staffordshire and Cumbria, but other police forces reported opposite signs indicating a decline in the problem.

In Nottinghamshire, greatly stepped up police operations produced an increase in the number of people arrested for drink driving, but the percentage of people who failed the breath test declined and there was a significant decrease in the number of serious accidents compared to an average two-week period.

Commenting on the difference in the experiences of different police forces over Christmas and the new year, Supt Roger Storey, head of the Nottinghamshire police traffic department, drew attention to differences in the approach adopted by various traffic authorities.

He said: "We give it high priority all the year round and then step up our efforts at Christmas with a very high profile.

"But what I would hope is that we could move towards a more unified policy in the United Kingdom because I feel this is an area which mystifies drivers."

Mr Peter Joslin, chief constable of the Warwickshire Constabulary, who is the secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers' traffic committee, agreed that a concerted approach to the problem should now be adopted for future campaigns.

Settlement in vasectomy failure claim

A couple who had a child after the husband's vasectomy operation have reached an out of court settlement with the Lanarkshire Health Board.

Mr Thomas Pollock, aged 39, and his wife Maureen, aged 37, were to have begun a claim for £21,000 in compensation at the Court of Session in Edinburgh today.

The couple already had two teenage children and did not want any more, so in October 1979, Mr Pollock had a vasectomy operation. Then, in April 1981, Mrs Pollock found herself pregnant and gave birth to a boy, Iain.

Mrs Pollock said that although Iain was not planned he was as cherished as their other children.

The claim by Mr and Mrs Pollock, of Woodfoot Road, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, was based on the shock and discomfort suffered and on the need for unforeseen expenditure on the child.

Mrs Pollock said yesterday: "We've agreed to a settlement. I don't want my children involved with all the publicity, so I would rather forget it. The offer was made by the health board a couple of weeks ago, but we're not sure yet how much it will be for."

4 hounds and puppy poisoned

By Craig Seton

Hunt protesters were blamed yesterday for the poisoning of five hounds.

The hounds, four terriers and a foxhound puppy, were found dead, or dying, late on Sunday in kennels belonging to the North Cotswold Hunt at Broadway in Worcestershire.

Yesterday, police sent samples from the hounds for analysis to determine the poison used and how it was administered.

The terrier hounds are used by the hunt to flush foxes from their lairs. A visitor to the kennels found one of them dead in the driveway.

Staff found three more dead in their pens and then discovered the foxhound puppy, called Bandit, dying in the yard.

The hound had never been used to hunt and was being kept with 88 foxhounds at the kennels.

Mr John Robbins, joint Master of the Hunt, which was formed in 1868, said yesterday: "It seems certain they were poisoned deliberately and the police think hunt protesters were responsible.

"Bandit was twitching and kicking when he was found and was obviously in some pain before he died. I just cannot understand how people can stoop to such depths.

"No way can they be real animal lovers. We have lots of visitors to see the dogs and we keep an open kennel, but now the police are advising us on security."

Mr Robbins said that unlike neighbouring hunts, the North Cotswold had experienced no trouble with hunt protesters in the past.

"Now we seem to have more trouble than all our neighbours put together."

He said that it was not known whether the poison had been administered in food or, possibly, by injection.

A police spokesman said the matter was being treated as suspicious.

Strangler left his prints in blood

The man who strangled a teenage girl in her bedroom left his fingerprints behind in her blood, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Gary Takem, aged 20, left prints on an electric alarm clock, an overturned table, and on the headboard of Miss Tessa Howden's bed at her home in Foxearth Spur, Selsdon, Croydon, south London, Mr Allan Green said for the prosecution.

Mr Takem's prints were also found by detectives on the inside of her bedroom door, on her chest of drawers and on the inside of the frame of one of her bedroom windows.

Mr Green told the jury: "They were in a position consistent with Takem having left Tessa's bedroom by climbing out of the first-floor window, hanging from the window and then dropping to the ground."

Mr Takem, of Heather Way, Monks Hill Estate, Selsdon, Croydon, denies murdering Miss Howden, who was aged 19, on January 10 last year.

Mr Green said Miss Howden was strangled in her bedroom at her parents' home sometime between midnight and 8.15am. Mr Green said Miss Howden was normally the first up in the house and when she failed to appear her father went to her room and found her body.

A pathologist found evidence of a one-handed choking grip on her throat and pressure over her mouth.

Apart from those found in her bedroom in blood, Mr Takem's fingerprints were found on the outside of a fanlight in the kitchen window.

Mr Green said: "In Tessa's room, a pair of sunglasses with red frames were found. They did not belong to Tessa and there is evidence that they were owned by Takem."

Police arrested Mr Takem at his home, a quarter of a mile from where the Howdens lived, four days after the murder and found a key to the Howden's kitchen door which had been missing for a number of weeks.

Detectives also found a swimming costume which belonged to Miss Howden in Mr Takem's bedroom.

The case was adjourned until today.

Ministry inquiry into cowboy building

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing, ordered an investigation yesterday into "cowboy" builders who undercut reputable companies by operating in the black economy.

A working party will be expected to find ways of giving better protection to home owners for work carried out by small contractors which costs less than £50,000.

That will include tightening up the system of warranties and guarantees, which are often found to be worthless in law.

Many of the "cowboys" do not pay value-added tax, income tax or national insurance and so undercut the prices charged by established companies.

The problem has worsened with the boom in demand for repair and maintenance work.

Mr Patten said: "The vast majority of builders want to provide their customers with a reliable service at a reasonable price. But their credibility is increasingly being undermined by the so-called cowboy operators.

"I want the working party to see how the industry can most effectively meet this challenge."

The team will include builders, consumer representatives and officials from the departments of employment and environment, the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise.

Garages to offer mortgages

By Daniel Ward

The day when house details from estate agents are displayed in car showrooms may not be far away. Volkswagen dealers and one of Ford's largest garage chains are preparing to offer cut-price mortgages to car buyers.

VW will offer mortgages ¼ per cent below standard rate as an extension of its financial services, which have for several years included car and house insurance and life assurance.

Perry's, the Ford dealer chain, is advertising its estate agent shops in the company's car showrooms and now plans to extend an employee mortgage service to car customers.

The Ford Motor Company said it had no immediate plans to offer financial services but in the longer term anything that provided the dealer with additional income would be considered.

In the United States, General Motors provides a complete mortgage and loan service to home owners and developers through its GM Acceptance Corporation subsidiary.

However, a Vauxhall spokesman said: "We are always looking for new opportunities but there are no proposals to bring the scheme to Britain at the moment."

With discounting rife in the car market, financial services could provide car dealers with additional income from commission and more customer loyalty.

Fines for disturbing rare birds

An ornithologist who has been a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds for 30 years was taken to court by the society yesterday for disturbing the nesting site of one of Britain's rarest birds.

Gordon Ireson, aged 54, a sales manager, of St John's Court, Ditton Priors, Shropshire, and Robert Farmer, aged 44, self-employed, of Barn Avenue, Sedgeley, West Midlands, appeared before magistrates at Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

Both admitted disturbing the nesting site of a golden oriole in a wood on the Norfolk-Suffolk border last June, disturbing a little tern's nest and possessing items capable of being used wilfully to disturb wildlife.

Each was fined £125 with £100 costs. Ireson was fined a further £25 after admitting a second offence of possessing items for the wilful disturbance of wildlife.

Mr Wayne Swann, appearing for the society, told the court that other ornithologists saw the two men with a ladder near the golden oriole's nest. The next day the nest was no longer active.

Mr Swann said that no more than 10 golden oriole nests existed in that part of Britain.

Ireson told the court he had been a member of the RSPB for 30 years and involved in conserving endangered species.

"We did not think the disturbance would be as damaging as the likely felling of trees which we understood was to take place."

Farmer said they had come across the oriole's nest while looking for hawfinches. "It was never our intention to take eggs or harm birds."

Anxious immigrant clear to give blood

By Chris Steyn

Homosexuals, people who have had recent sexual contact in Africa, drug addicts, haemophiliacs and their sexual partners should not donate blood because of the risk of Aids infection. And as a recent immigrant from South Africa I was not sure whether I should be on the list.

Although South Africa has recently been designated a high-risk country, I was assured yesterday that since I was married and did not have sexual contact with people in those groups, it would be safe to be a donor.

Dr Patricia Hewitt, the deputy director of the North London Blood Transfusion Centre, said that the service was unable to accept blood from people in any high-risk groups, because it was possible to be infected with the Aids virus and still have a negative test.

I was asked, however, to give written consent for tests to be done on my donated blood. They include a test for antibodies in the blood, which indicates whether the donor has been exposed to the Aids virus without knowing it.

"Everybody's blood is tested so it doesn't matter whether they are honest or not when filling in the questionnaire. We even test the blood of those who admit that they are in high-risk groups, but can't avoid giving blood because of family or peer pressure", she said.

"Providing people tell us that they are in high-risk groups, we will not use their blood even if the test is negative", Dr Hewitt said.

The test may not pick up early cases of infection because there is an incubation period when traces of the infection are not detectable.

The centre had many calls yesterday from anxious donors and recipients after reports that a leukaemia sufferer given a blood transfusion in a Glasgow hospital had contracted the Aids virus because of a loophole in the screening system.

"That is why we have introduced the dual method of the questionnaire and the test to be doubly safe", Dr Hewitt said.

She said that a very small number of people who had given blood at the centre had been found to have Aids antibodies. People who were for any reason unable to avoid giving blood, in spite of being in one of those high-risk groups, had been assured that their blood would not be used for transfusion purposes.

"Many donors are also worried that we don't use clean needles", Dr Hewitt said. "But all the materials used for collecting blood are sterile and used only once. Neither Aids nor any other disease can be caught from giving blood".

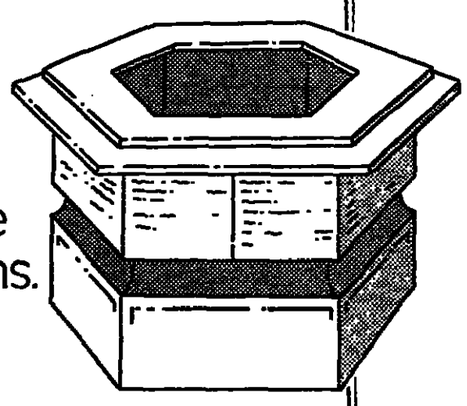
Yet donors at the centre, which serves 50 "demanding" hospitals, have increased by 10,000 in the past year. That is the result of an expensive donor recruitment campaign and has balanced the loss of others who are now afraid of giving blood.

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International Year of Shelter

Danger of a slum society in the UK, says Scarman

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Lord Scarman called yesterday for an end to reliance on bed-and-breakfast accommodation, and special assistance for the half million elderly living in unfit homes and for the young homeless.

He emphasized those as three short-term urgent priorities for tackling the crisis of homelessness in Britain.

Lord Scarman, president of the United Kingdom Council for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, launched the campaign at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London by warning that Britain was in danger of becoming "a slum society".

"Our own children and grandchildren will find themselves condemned to live in a slum unless something is done to meet now a huge accumulating bill for repairs to our housing stock," he said.

He went on: "Do people understand the misery, the squalor, the threat to health and even to life itself which homelessness inflicts upon millions of our fellow men?

"Does the public realize that homelessness is a critical element of the social conditions which provide the breeding ground for crime, marital breakdown, child abuse and neglect, and that homelessness destroys man's chance of developing and maintaining stable human relationships?

"Shelter is a human need ranking in priority with food and water and a home is an essential condition of civilized life. Once these truths are seen, homelessness will be recognized for what it is: an affront to human dignity and the denial of a basic human right."

> **Without mobility we shall be back again in the Middle Ages**

The two principle aims of the year are to increase public awareness of the problems of homelessness and poor housing in Britain and abroad, and to raise funds to support innovative projects. About half the sums raised will go to Third World countries.

The four international priorities for the year, Lord Scarman said, are to support such projects, put housing at the top of the political agenda, give people choice and a say in the design and construction of their homes, and to encourage self-help.

Lord Scarman gave a warning that if rented accommodation was not provided for the young, "who are frequently on the move, and so they should be, we shall lack mobility in our workforce. We shall become again what we were in the Middle Ages, tied by necessity to where we were born".

"All that is needed is the political and social will to make the necessary resources available," he said.

"If the will exists, the skills will not be wanting. If the International Year can help to mobilize the willpower, and to recruit the resources the benefit to mankind will be immense and enduring."

Mr Leighton Andrews, campaign director, described the Government's support for the year as "disappointing".

It had received £64,000 from the Overseas Development budget and £47,000 from the Department of the Environment, over the two financial years 1986-88.

Mr Rod Hackney, president-elect of the institute, and Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, joined the other speakers in calling for increased capital expenditure by the Government to fight homelessness.

The number of people living in bed-and-breakfast accommodation increased from 49,000 to 160,000 between 1979-84, there are 1¼ million people on council waiting lists and one million homes officially classified as unfit for human habitation.

Mr Waite said that the issues concerned "building the very fabric of our society" and that it was in everyone's best interests to tackle the problem.

Mr Hackney called for local authorities to be released from the "imprisonment" of not being allowed to spend their capital receipts from council house sales on providing new housing.

He described the Government's attitude to the year as "smug".

● Britain's 1.3 million homebuyers this year will be given an opportunity to make a donation to the campaign, raising, it is hoped, more than £6 million. Under the Home Aid scheme, estate agents will be asking people to sign a form commiting them to donate at least £5 on the cost of the legal transaction of buying and selling their homes.

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Old lime trees in a semi-circular avenue being felled yesterday at Hampton Court Palace, where they are to be replaced with healthy young trees (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Store staff end 2-year strike over apartheid

Eleven supermarket workers returned to work yesterday after an anti-apartheid strike lasting two and a half years.

They walked out on July 19, 1984 after Miss Mary Manning, aged 21, was suspended from her job as a checkout girl at Dunnes Stores in Henry Street, Dublin, for refusing to handle South African fruit.

They returned yesterday after an Irish government ban on the import of South African fruit and vegetables came into effect. The strikers say their stand forced the government action after international publicity.

The strikers, who were praised by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, were refused entry to South Africa in July 1985 when they travelled there to meet anti-apartheid campaigners.

Miss Karen Gearon, the shop steward who led the workers, said yesterday: "We have achieved a lot more than we set out to.

"We thought we would at least get the right to refuse to handle South African goods and we are actually getting the Government to bring in a certain amount of sanctions."

Miss Gearon said that many of the 11 workers who picketed the supermarket for a year and a half were considering leaving their jobs after their formal return to work.

Britain 'has too much censorship'

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

A report on censorship prepared for an international conference to be held in London later this month concludes that Britain has too many restrictions on free expression.

The reports says Britain has far too much censorship for "a liberal democracy that prides itself on its record where freedom of expression and of the individual is concerned".

But it adds that there can be no equation between censorship in Britain and "what goes on in a one-party dictatorship, be it the USSR or any other totalitarian state".

Mr George Theiner, editor of the London-based *Index on Censorship*, who prepared the report, said yesterday that as far as official secrecy was concerned, Britain may be the worst offender among democratic countries.

"We shouldn't ignore our own censorship while criticizing Chile, South Africa and the Soviet Union", he said.

Mr Theiner's report is to be presented to editors and journalists from 35 countries, who will meet from January 16 to 18 at the Inter-Continental Hotel at Hyde Park Corner, London. They plan to devise practical ways of fighting censorship and restrictions on the free flow of information.

The report, which will be one of the fundamental working documents of the conference, identified Latin America as one of the most troublesome areas for censorship, with assassination and kidnapping of journalists being used routinely to suppress information.

In Mexico, 12 journalists were killed between June 1984 and August 1986, and 62 were assaulted.

In Thailand, the greatest threat to journalists is from hired killers and, in Africa, censorship is said to have become so entrenched as to be "part of the climate of opinion".

The conference, Challenging the Censors, is being organized by the World Press Freedom Committee of Washington.

Participants will include Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the former Moscow bureau chief of *US News and World Report*, who was expelled last year after his arrest on espionage charges.

● A survey to be distributed this month by Freedom House, a monitoring organization based in New York, says that press freedom suffered on every continent in 1986. Nineteen journalists were killed, 13 kidnapped, 178 arrested and 40 expelled.

There were 214 instances of harassment in 40 countries, including banning of newspapers, jamming of radio stations and, in one case, a photographer was set on fire, the report says.

Satellite broadcasting: 2

Venture offering rich rewards

*In the second of three articles on the outlook for direct broadcast satellite service, **Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent**, reviews the new programming to be beamed from the sky.*

Every morning, millions of American children wake up to their own version of breakfast television: *Good Morning Mickey*.

The programme is transmitted on the Disney Channel, which is programmed with a sensitivity to family audiences of which Mrs Mary Whitehouse would be sure to approve. Its schedule includes cartoons, health and exercise programmes, wildlife documentaries, puppet shows, family-oriented feature films and British imports like *Superted*.

By 1990, if Britain's own satellite television project gets off the ground, something very much like it will be available here.

The start of a direct broadcast satellite (DBS) service will bring a fundamental change to television in Britain. The change is characterized by Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, in two words: "more choice".

In late 1990 three new channels are supposed to start on the same day, transmitted from the DBS launched by British Satellite Broadcasting.

The British company is a joint venture of Granada, the Virgin Group, Amstrad, Pearson and Anglia Television.

If its DBS venture succeeds, the group has the potential to become the dominant influence in British broadcasting, controlling 43 per cent of over-the-air television channels.

The selection of the consortium over four rivals, including one supported by Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International, was based largely on the perception of the IBA that it would be able to put together the diverse elements necessary for success.

These include the financial muscle to survive what is likely to be a financially taxing start-up period and, perhaps most important of all, the experience in the entertainment industry to assemble an attractive package of programming.

One of the three new channels will be a film service called Screen, available only on payment of a subscription fee, expected to be about £2.50 a week. During the day, the Screen channel will be used by an advertising-supported service called Zigzag, which will be geared towards children.

The other two channels will be advertising-supported throughout the broadcast day. One of these will be Galaxy, a light entertainment service, likely to be dominated by soap operas and old films.

The third, and perhaps the most revolutionary of them all, is to be called Now. It will consist of news, sport and informational programming, with much of the content provided by Independent Television News.

BSB has not released its financial projections, but they clearly depend on enthusiasm from the public. If the DBS aerials sell slowly, and the audience does not achieve its predicted level of 2.5 million homes within three years, advertisers may be reluctant to support the new channels.

Tomorrow: The financial and technical challenge



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WORLD SUMMARY

30 years for attack on British nurse

Miami (Reuter) – An 18-year-old drifter was yesterday sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to the kidnapping and attempted murder of a British nurse on holiday in Miami Beach.

The plea agreement was announced in Broward County circuit court, where jury selection was to have begun yesterday in the trial of Michael Dwayne Seibert who also faces attempted murder charges in Maryland. He could have been sentenced to a life term if he had been convicted on all charges by a jury.

Seibert was accused of dragging Kathryn Mary Jones from a telephone booth last May 12, beating her unconscious and leaving her for dead in a swamp 25 miles away. She was found by two tourists.

Ms Jones, a 27-year-old auxiliary nurse from Southampton, lay in a coma for almost two weeks suffering from severe head injuries. She regained consciousness and was flown back to Britain in June for treatment.

Police charged Seibert with attempted murder, kidnapping, sexual battery and car theft.

Mr Dave Casey, a spokesman for the Broward County attorney's office, said prosecutors were told late last year that Ms Jones's doctors would not allow her to travel to the US to testify. "They did not want her involved because of the possible mental harm it might cause," he said.

Inquest delayed

Johannesburg – An inquest into the death of a black trade unionist, Mr Andries Raditsela, who died after falling from a police vehicle 18 months ago, reopened in Johannesburg yesterday after a year's postponement and was immediately adjourned for a further two months (Ray Kennedy writes).

A lawyer acting for his family, Miss E. Revelas, said she needed more time. Mr Raditsela, a shop steward of the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union, died in May 1985, 12 hours after being arrested.

Flight delayed

Mr Jeremy Hardcastle, aged 38, a sales executive from Nottinghamshire working in Qatar, who was cleared of a charge of embezzlement in after spending 11 months in jail, is still not allowed to leave the country (Andrew McEwen writes).

He was found not guilty on December 4, but his passport remained impounded because the prosecution had 30 days to appeal. Apparently the 30 days counts not from his acquittal but from the date the judge handed down written judgement.

Alive, by coincidence

Oslo (Reuter) – Two infants survived 15 minutes under water inside a car that crashed into a Norwegian fjord through an amazing series of coincidences.

The children's ordeal began on Saturday when a car driven by their mother skidded on an icy road and crashed into the Gandsfjord, at Sandnes on Norway's western coast.

The woman scrambled out of the car but the infants, a four-month-old girl and a two-year-old boy, were trapped 30 ft under the surface of the near-freezing water.

The first stroke of luck was that the driver of the first car flagged down by the woman was a local authority worker with a radio link to the fire brigade. The fire brigade employee who received the message knew the local diving club's base was close to the scene of the accident.

Three divers, fully dressed for rescue work, were found at the club and reached the crashed car within three or four minutes. A doctor who happened to be driving past when the divers brought the children to the surface performed emergency life-saving work.

Kashmir transfer

Delhi (AP) – Mrs Kuldip Kaur, a British national charged under India's anti-terrorist laws, was transferred to Kashmir state yesterday to appear in court later this week. Mrs Kaur, of Sikh origin, was transferred after a ruling that she should stand trial where she allegedly met Sikh terrorists last May.

Hotel fire lab tests

San Juan (Reuter) – Police said yesterday they were awaiting results of laboratory tests on chemical specimens taken from the Dupont Plaza Hotel to determine the cause of the New Year's Eve blaze which killed 96 people.

Meanwhile, 57 of the 95 bodies removed from the hotel had been identified.

Kathmandu meeting



The future of the Gurkhas in the British Army is expected to be at the centre of talks this week between Mr John Stanley, right, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Nepalese Government leaders (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

Mr Stanley arrived in Kathmandu yesterday at the start of a week-long official visit, and was met by General Arjun Narsingh Rana, the Chief of Staff of the Royal Nepalese Army.

Basement man dies

Cairo – A Syrian Jew who hid in his sister's basement for 22 years in fear of deportation has died at the age of 82 (A Correspondent writes).

Security authorities said Mr Cesar Doweik took refuge in the basement of his sister's Cairo villa in 1956 when President Nasser expelled 65,000 Jews from Egypt following the war between Egypt and Israel, Britain and France. Mr Doweik finally surfaced in 1978 when Egypt, Israel and the United States signed the Camp David agreement.

Mr Duweik and his sister, Akila, came to Egypt in 1905. Miss Doweik converted to Islam and married Hafiz Pacha Ramadan, who became Minister of Justice under the pre-1952 monarchy. Mr Doweik worked as a teacher until 1956.

Tomorrow

Strong men of Africa



Led from the prison cell of Nelson Mandela (above), the African National Congress is 75 years old this week and enjoying a peak of influence and activity. But is it any nearer achieving one man, one vote in South Africa?

Plane crew describe UFO scare

Washington – The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the sighting of an enormous, walnut-shaped UFO reported by a veteran pilot and confirmed by government radar. It was described as the size of two aircraft carriers (Christopher Thomas writes).

Captain Kenju Terauchi of Japan Airlines, his co-pilot and flight engineer, told FAA investigators that they saw the lights of an unidentified object on the evening of November 17 on a flight from Iceland to Anchorage, Alaska, and that it followed them for 400 miles.

Mr Terauchi was told to drop 4,000 feet and make turns, but he said the object continued following the Boeing 747 cargo jet. The ground flight controller directing the jet said the object followed the plane for 32 minutes, coming within five miles of it.

The crew also said there were two other small unidentified objects, smaller than the cargo plane.

Afghanistan crisis

Surprise visit to Kabul by top Soviet foreign policy team

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The pace of diplomacy surrounding the crisis in Afghanistan quickened yesterday when two of the most senior Kremlin officials to visit the country since the Soviet military intervention in 1979 flew to Kabul for unannounced talks with the Afghan leader, Dr Najib.

Intense Western interest surrounded the report by Tass that both Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the chief Kremlin foreign policy adviser, had arrived for talks with Dr Najib less than a week after his adoption of a policy of national reconciliation.

Yesterday's talks and exchange of formal speeches in Kabul also came less than a month after Dr Najib, the former chief of the Afghan secret police, made his first official visit to Moscow for discussions with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. It further emphasized Moscow's close involvement in the latest moves to secure a settlement to the seven-year-old guerrilla war.

It was noted that only last month Mr Shevardnadze also held talks in Moscow about the Afghan situation with Mr Abdul Sattar, a senior official of the Pakistani foreign service.

Those negotiations, described by Tass as detailed and frank, were understood to have been linked to the United Nations-sponsored peace talks on the war which are due to resume on February 11.

Despite claims by senior Moscow officials that yesterday's visit to Kabul by the top members of the Kremlin foreign policy team had been arranged "for some weeks", it was inevitably linked with Dr Najib's offer last week of a six-month ceasefire beginning on January 15, an offer quickly rejected by the main Muslim rebel groups.

"The Kremlin is apparently anxious to co-ordinate policy in the wake of the ceasefire offer and to secure maximum benefit from its rejection", a diplomat from a leading Nato country said.

It was believed that the visit might lead to another gesture on the Soviet troop presence, which the diplomat estimated at 115,000 men.

A Soviet official said that it was unlikely that the proposed ceasefire would come into effect because of the rejection of its terms by the guerrilla leaders.

"They have not agreed to make any concessions following the offer, so it is hard to imagine that there will be a proper ceasefire", he said in answer to a request from *The Times* for an entry visa to enable the ceasefire to be witnessed at first hand.

A Western source noted that Dr Najib had said earlier that the ceasefire could begin regionally, being introduced only in those areas where the rebels complied with the Government's terms.

"One must presume that at best it would be a very gradual affair", he said. "It is hard not to conclude that it was offered primarily for international propaganda purposes."

Western government representatives in Moscow, although acknowledging that Mr Gorbachov is sincere in wanting a long-term Soviet withdrawal, remain highly sceptical of his motives in the shorter run.

But the timing of yesterday's arrival in Kabul of such a senior Kremlin delegation has convinced Western and Eastern bloc observers in Moscow that predictions that Afghanistan will become one of the main focal points of international diplomatic interest this year have been proved true.

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Russia offers satellite deal to Third World

Moscow (Reuter) – Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, said yesterday that Moscow was prepared to launch satellites for Third World countries on preferential terms as part of its drive to enter the lucrative commercial space market.

Mr Ryzhkov, interviewed by Tass, pledged respect for the secrecy of Western technology used in satellites put in orbit by the Soviet Union.

"As it enters the international market of space technology and services, the Soviet Union, of course, must reckon with the laws of the market," Mr Ryzhkov said.

"It is only natural that we expect to make some gains. At the same time, we shall be seeking to make the launch terms mutually advantageous, both to us and to the clients.

"When orbiting spacecraft for developing countries, the Soviet Union is prepared to grant them substantial discounts," he added.

Asked about possible objections over the transfer of Western space technology to the Soviet Union, Mr Ryzhkov said foreign spacecraft could be moved to the launch site in sealed containers.



Care and concentration: Akane Oki, aged 8, wearing a traditional kimono, devotes all her attention to writing Japanese characters with a large brush during the annual New Year calligraphy contest in Tokyo. More than 7,000 people took part.

Aquino uses political skills to sell draft constitution

Manila (NYT) – President Aquino of the Philippines has begun what amounts to a presidential campaign. In contrast to last year's makeshift campaign, in which officials of the former President Marcos sometimes denied her a stage from which to speak, local officials are now anxious to be seen with her.

The issue this time is a draft constitution, which faces a nationwide plebiscite on February 2, and which both sides agree will amount to a vote of confidence in the Government.

This time the underdogs are her opponents, many of whom have rallied behind Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, who has admitted rigging his region's vote against her a year ago, when he was President Marcos's Defence Minister. President Aquino dismissed him in November.

He, too, opened his campaign over the weekend, calling her both a dictator and weak and inept, and urging the nation to "rise as one" to reject her presidency with a "No" vote.

At the same time, the country's first left-wing party, the Party of the Nation, which at first had indicated support for the constitution, appeared to be moving towards an opposition stand.

Few experts in Manila believe that the constitution can be defeated. But its opponents on the right say they hope that the vote will be close enough to reinforce their calls for a new presidential election.

The President's spokesman, Mr Teodoro Benigno, has said that only a vote of at least 65 per cent will be considered a victory.

The presidential palace announced that President Aquino would make campaign appearances in different cities each weekend this month.

"I know you still love me", President Aquino said as she opened her campaign on Saturday in the southern Luzon region of Bicol, where she received strong support in the presidential election last February.

The crowds were smaller than predicted, although they showed as much enthusiasm as last year.

President Aquino showed that she had learnt some politics during her months in office, promising, as President Marcos had in his campaign, more money for local schools, irrigation projects and road building.

Legislative elections are planned for May 11, and many of the politicians who pressed close to her on stage will be running for office, hoping to capitalize on their association with the popular President.

Howe in bid for trade peace

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is due to meet Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, today to seek an urgent negotiated solution to the mounting trade war between the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC).

Officials involved in the two-day meeting in Bermuda, before Mr Shultz embarks on an eight-day trip to six African countries, appear confident that a compromise can be worked out at a special meeting between EEC and US representatives this month.

American reprisals against the Community are due to take effect by the end of this month. The US wants $400 million (£270 million) compensation for what it says are losses in grain sales caused by Spain's accession to the EEC a year ago.

The Reagan Administration is clearly anxious to avoid a trade war at a time of domestic tensions over the Iran-Contra controversy. Senior US officials have told the EEC that they are ready to negotiate a compromise well before the January 31 deadline.

The Shultz-Howe meeting, arranged before the trade conflict, is part of regular talks on world affairs, arms control and East-West relations.

Mr Shultz's African tour will take him to countries with close ties to the West, with the primary aim of encouraging what the US sees as a drift away from socialism, following experiments with left-wing ideologies in many African countries in the immediate post-colonial period.

Officials said the African tour was being shaped mainly by security issues and a desire to promote free-market economies. But Mr Shultz will not be carrying any promises of additional economic aid. The whole of black-ruled Africa is getting only $664 million in the current financial year, compared with $1.2 billion for Latin America and the Caribbean.

He will visit Senegal, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Liberia. All except Ivory Coast face grave economic problems.

● MEXICO CITY: Sir Geoffrey Howe met President de la Madrid of Mexico yesterday to discuss British policy on the Falkland Islands and Mexico's $100 billion foreign debt (Alan Robinson writes).

Mexico has always sided with Argentina's claim to the Falklands, but has generally expressed its position in moderate terms.

A Mexican Government spokesman said the President would tell Sir Geoffrey that Mexico would like to see the two sides at the negotiating table.

President de la Madrid would also talk about Mexico's economic situation and its prospects for repaying the foreign debt. About 12 per cent of it is held by British banks.

Sir Geoffrey, who arrived in Mexico on Saturday, was also due to confer with the Foreign Minister, Señor Bernardo Sepúlveda; the Energy and Mines Minister, Señor Alfredo del Mazo; the Trade Minister, Señor Héctor Hernández; the Finance Minister, Señor Gustavo Petricioli; and the Director of the Bank of Mexico, Señor Miguel Mancera.



Mr Shultz: meeting to avert trade war with EEC.

Sukarno's widows squabble

By Our Foreign Staff

Harem politics dogged President Sukarno beyond his grave yesterday, with one of his two surviving widows accusing the other of being "a very mean and vicious woman and very jealous".

Dewi Ratna Sari Sukarno, the 46-year-old former Japanese singer and the last of the Indonesian President's five wives, told a news conference she was being denied her rightful place in Indonesian society and history by Hartini, the other widow.

"I tried to keep quiet at the humiliation . . . because Hartini is the senior wife and I am the junior wife," she said.

The spark that ignited the smouldering dispute between the last two of his wives was a Heroes' Day commemoration several weeks ago honouring Sukarno some 17 years after he died in disgrace. Dewi was not invited and blamed Hartini for the slight.

Hartini said yesterday: "That had nothing to do with me. It was government protocol that sent the invitations. Dewi and I have always been good friends." But Dewi claimed that Hartini, who had five children before marrying Sukarno in the 1950s, was "a bloody liar".

"We cannot let Hartini rewrite Indonesian history to make herself a great heroine . . . Hartini was responsible for the fall of Sukarno by supporting and protecting elements of the Communist Party."

"Oh, I don't know anything about that," Hartini said. "I didn't know anything about the politics of that time."

Sukarno fell from power in 1966 after an abortive coup blamed on the Communist Party in 1965. He died in 1971. Dewi, now 46, has been married six times.

Education in Japan

US report criticizes inflexible system

From Michael Binyon, Washington

An unusual US Government report on the Japanese education system, published at the weekend, praised the emphasis on a basic curriculum, but found that the system was inflexible and universities were not up to world standards.

It also described Japan as a "learning society of formidable dimensions" and said ties between schools and the job market were closer and more effective than in most other industrialized nations.

The study arose out of a conversation between President Reagan and Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, in 1983. They agreed their countries would benefit from a look at both school systems.

However, the Japanese study of the US system, released simultaneously in Tokyo, found no particular aspect of American education worth emulating. It suggested the cultural and bureaucratic differences were too great for the US experience to have any immediate relevance to Japan.

The Japanese researchers appeared baffled by the variations from state to state. But they observed that the United States where education efforts a generation ago were spurred by "sputnik shock", was now suffering from "Toyota shock". A Ministry of Education official who led the study suggested that it was really the Americans who could learn from the Japanese.

American researchers noted that Japanese pupils consistently scored higher on international tests of educational achievement. They attributed this to well-defined curricula, parental involvement, the high status of teachers, and hard work by well-behaved Japanese children.

But the team, headed by Mr Chester Finn, an Assistant Secretary of Education, was critical of what it saw as the straitjacket of the Japanese system. All pupils moved at the same pace and the system assiduously avoided making distinctions between them. "A basic characteristic of Japanese secondary education . . . is the view that there is only one right answer."

The report said educational reform was a big political issue in both countries. But it noted, ironically, that they were going in opposite directions: while the United States was seeking greater uniformity and tougher testing, Japan was pushing for greater decentralization and diversification.

The biggest disappointment was the Japanese university system. Once an applicant was accepted, he was virtually assured of a degree and did little work.

The US report comes at a time of debate here over low standards in schools. Japanese industrial success has been attributed to superiority of the school system. But the US team found that much of the Japanese system could be traced to American influences during the occupation after the Second World War.

Ten-year-old 'wizard' eyes a Nobel Prize

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Adragon Eastwood DeMello is the perfect student, who stands head and shoulders above the 11,000 others at Cabrillo College in the northern California beach town of Aptos, 70 miles from San Francisco.

He is an 'A' student, he made the Dean's honour rolls and he is a computer and maths wizard. His poetry has been published, he is writing a novel, and when he wrote a play it was performed at the college.

Adragon's proud father, Augustine DeMello, a writer and flamenco guitarist, says his son is a genius, a candidate for a place in the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). "I hope he will get his doctorate in a few years and maybe win a Nobel Prize by the time he's 16."

For Adragon, who is distantly related to the actor, Clint Eastwood, is only 10 years old and is one of the youngest college students in the world.

His father says his son's IQ is between 200 and 225, which is considered genius level, and he claims there is no IQ test that can accurately gauge the boy's intelligence. But a former teacher who runs a school for gifted children in Santa Cruz sees the intriguing case of the boy wonder in a very different light.

Mr Lewis Keizer, principal of the Popper-Keizer School, which the boy attended for eight months in 1985, said: "The only way he could perform was when his father sat in the classroom next to him. From a very young age his father has trained him like a monkey."

Mr Keizer said that when he put the boy through standard tests for children of his age he finished near the bottom of the class.

The case of Adragon, boy genius or not, has drawn national attention in the United States. Newspapers are doing stories on the child and the American television documentary programme *60 Minutes*, which has an audience of 50 million, has just completed a segment about him.

There are some teachers at Cabrillo College who believe that Adragone – he was given that name because his father says he was born in the Chinese Year of the Dragon – is quite remarkable. He is more than holding his own among students 10 years older or more in maths, computer studies, English and astronomy classes.

The boy's father says he was always special. When he was seven weeks old he spoke his first word: "Hello". At two and a half he had mastered chess and knew geometry. When he was three he calculated the volume of his bathwater. At four he was learning Greek, physics and philosophy, and by the time he was six he was studying geology and geophysics.

At eight he was writing computer programmes – his mother works in that field – and for fun he has built a computer-controlled robot using engineering drawings. Adragon is a member of Mensa, the group which claims that all its members have high IQs, and in his English class his teacher, Mr Steve Hanley, says the boy is at the top among his mostly adult classmates.

"He's no slouch," Mr Hanley said. "He has had articles and poems published, and although his dad could have helped him he has done remarkable work for me alone in my class. Over breakfast he taught me how to do complex algebra. He reads long novels, he understands *Moby Dick* and he studies Walt Whitman poetry and writes and talks intelligently about them in class.

"He is a very capable 10-year-old but who is to say how the average English schoolboy would do if he's not distracted and he gave the American college system a go.

"I think there are a lot of geniuses around," Mr Hanley added, "but modern education is often too busy keeping people in line."

Those who know the boy say he likes roller skating, cycling and normal 10-year-old boy activities. He often plays pranks on his college professors, Mr Hanley says.

Family friends say his father may be promoting his son in efforts to get him a scholarship to Caltech.

Mr Keizer said: "His father has been teaching the boy that he is superior and it's a very elitist approach. The youngster is bright, but sadly his father has devoted his own life into turning the boy into a genius and I believe he's not a genius."

Official press accused of distorted coverage

Peking students burn newspapers

Peking (Reuter) – Students at Peking University yesterday burned copies of official newspapers, which they accused of malicious and inaccurate reporting. But they pledged their support for China's paramount leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping.

Several hundred students shouted and cheered as copies of the *Peking Daily*, the *People's Daily* and other papers went up in flames to the sound of firecrackers. Other students looked on from windows or from the top of nearby walls.

The main culprit in the eyes of the students was the *Peking Daily*: "It has printed malicious and distorted news about our protests," one law student said. "We hate it. Today's action is a symbol of what we think."

He and other students accused the press of portraying students as being against socialism and the Communist Party. The students said the papers were trying to drive a wedge between students and the public.

One student said everyone listened to the Voice of America because it was more objective and truthful in its coverage of student protests than the Chinese media.

In a stinging editorial yesterday, the *Peking Daily* said claims by students that they supported socialism and the leadership of the Communist Party were false.

"Their aim is to use the fake democracy of capitalism to practise anarchism," the editorial said.

The paper quoted a 1980 speech by Mr Deng in which he said demonstrations needed prior permission and illegal activities and publications were forbidden. Most student protests have not been approved. It was the first time the media have quoted Mr Deng in support of criticism of the students.

The law student said students still believed in and trusted the Government.

"We think Deng could lead us and the whole people toward complete democracy in China," he said. "Our movement is to give democracy a hard push. Finally, the process of democracy should be pushed by our Government."

The official press has reported some of the protests for democracy on more than 12 campuses across China in the past month, but has presented students as being misled by troublemakers and has urged them to go back to their books.

Yesterday's burning had a carnival atmosphere, with no sign of police or university security staff. Many students carried lunch boxes or satchels of books as they watched the black smoke rise above the grounds of the elite college.

Most said there would be no more demonstrations, because of January examinations followed by a month-long holiday over the Chinese New Year.

The burning was carried out in front of a notice board where students yesterday put up half a dozen new illegal posters, some attacking the *Peking Daily*. One challenged its editors to a public debate over its coverage and accused the paper of turning the student protest into a controversy when it was not.

A member of the *Peking Daily* editorial staff declined to comment on the incident.

There was lively debate among the students over the issues raised by their month-long demonstrations.

One said capitalist, bourgeois democracy was not suitable for China. "But what is socialist democracy? That is the main problem. Most people think there is no democracy now."

Another said it was impossible for China to have more than one party. "It is the same all over Asia. Look at Japan, India, South Korea and Taiwan – they have in fact just one party, like China," he said. "The opposition parties do not get power.

"Look at Italy – far too many parties and too many changes in government."

Another said that student demands were for freedom of the press and of publication, and for the people to have more power.

He said there might be more demonstrations, depending on how events developed. "We want the central leadership to give a proper and accurate evaluation of our movement."

An open letter to Mr Deng, put up yesterday at the campus, gave him 10 days to respond to their appeals for democracy before students decide on a "new course of action".

State-run television last night read out excerpts from yesterday's *Peking Daily* editorial hitting out at the student protests, but left out the parts quoting Mr Deng's 1980 speech. No mention was made of the paper-burning incident.

The broadcast also carried comments by three teachers urging student protesters to remember that China had made great strides since the Cultural Revolution ended in 1976. The teachers urged students to obey laws and take into account the historical and social peculiarities of China.

The official *Peking Review* yesterday carried an interview with the Culture Minister, Mr Wang Meng, who said China would continue with political reforms but warned students not to engage in "acute confrontations" with the party leadership.

"Talking big solves no problems," Mr Wang said. "We will unswervingly carry out the policy of reform, the open policy and the policy of enhancing democracy.

"We cannot afford more chaos in our country, because it would only hamper reforms . . . instead of promoting them."

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A Peking University student setting fire to the *Peking Daily*, accused of distorting news of the recent protests.

Kohl stirs new row with concentration camp jibe at East

From John England, Bonn

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, still in trouble with Moscow over his Gorbachov-Goebbels gaffe, has sparked another row by accusing East Germany of keeping political prisoners in concentration camps.

Herr Kohl made his statement at a rally of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in Dortmund on Sunday, in a speech to mark the opening of the final phase of the campaign for the West German federal election on January 25.

Referring to East-West German relations, he said: "Those who say yes to talks with the leadership in East Berlin should bear in mind that one is not dealing with a freely-elected government. Rather, it is a political regime that, after all, holds more than 2,000 of our countrymen as political prisoners in East Germany, in prisons and concentration camps."

The East German Foreign Ministry yesterday rejected Herr Kohl's charge, while the opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD) and the Greens in Bonn made sharp attacks on him for "pandering to extreme right-wing voters".

The liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP), Herr Kohl's junior coalition partner, also distanced itself from his statement. The East German news agency, ADN, said "responsible authorities" in East Berlin had declared that no West German citizen was in prison in East Germany on political grounds. East German citizens who were in jail were "no countrymen of Kohl".

The only political prisoners in East German jails, ADN added, were persons who had been convicted of Nazi war crimes, the murder of Jewish citizens and crimes against humanity. West Germans who had been convicted of spying for West German secret services were treated in East Germany, "as in other civilized states", not as political prisoners but as criminals.

As the new row simmered, the Opposition in Bonn made the most of its fresh windfall from the lips of the Chancellor. Herr Johannes Rau, the SPD candidate for his job, said those who wanted to improve relations with East Germany "should not talk the way this Chancellor talks".

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the SPD parliamentary floor leader, went in harder, accusing Herr Kohl of a "whole chain" of such statements which were aimed purely at retaining the 3 to 5 per cent of far-right votes for the CDU.

Herr Heinz Suhr, a Greens MP, said Herr Kohl wanted to stir up emotions in the old right-wing style by "primitive, anti-communist agitation". The damage he had caused to East-West German relations was incalculable, he added.

Herr Heiner Geissler, the CDU General Secretary, rejected the SPD's attack on the Chancellor as one "dragged in by its hair" in order to divert attention from the inhuman prison conditions of the politically persecuted in East Germany as well as the rest of the communist sphere of influence. The SPD instead should, like the CDU, make active efforts towards the realization of human rights in communist states.

Herr Kohl's statement in Dortmund followed a speech by Herr Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, in which he called for West Germany "finally to step out of the shadow of the Third Reich".

Similar recent calls from the conservatives for more national pride and less humility because of the Nazi past have led liberal, as well as left-wing, commentators to accuse them of taking a deliberate swerve to the right to appeal to the arch-conservative vote.

In a cover story titled "The temptation of the right", the weekly news magazine *Der Spiegel* says the "quiet lurch" to the right will become louder after the election.



Herr Vogel: accused Kohl of pandering to extreme right.



Herr Rau: delighted with new political windfall.

Angolan refugees pour into Zambia

Lusaka – Scores of refugees from Angola are said to have arrived in Zambia in the past two weeks, according to a party official in charge of North Western province (A Correspondent writes).

Mr Ludwig Sondashi confirmed yesterday in Solwezi (approximately 500 miles north-west of Lusaka) that a number of refugees have crossed into Zambia from Angola at three border points in the Zambezi, Kabompo and Mwinilunga districts.

However, the influx has been on the increase since June. The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees estimates the number at 20,000.

Altogether, more than 75,000 Angolan refugees are living in two camps in the province.

Most of those who have come into Zambia recently have escaped from the intensifying war between Angolan government forces and Unita rebels.

Two held in murder case

Nairobi (Reuter) – Ugandan police are questioning two men arrested after Mr Paul Hitchman, aged 30, from Worcester, a volunteer aid worker, was shot dead near Kampala on New Year's Eve.

A police spokesman said Mr Hitchman was shot in the chest when he tackled a gang of six men trying to steal a Land-Rover at his home at Kabowa, 11 miles south of Kampala.

State visit

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is to pay a state visit to Britain between March 24 and 27, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. He is the third Saudi Arabian king to visit this country, following King Khaled in 1981 and King Faisal in 1967.

Abbot's prize

Bangkok (AFP) – The Venerable Kantiyapiwat, of Wat (Temple) Sra Keow in the provincial capital of Ang Thong, a Thai Buddhist abbot who has turned his temple into a home for more than 2,000 orphans and abandoned children, has been awarded the Norwegian Children's Peace Prize.

Long row

Santiago (Reuter) – Four Americans – Ned Gillette, Jon Turk, Bud Keene and Mark Eickenberger – were moving into position yesterday at the tip of South America in their bid to be the first people to row across the 720-mile-wide Beagle Channel to the Antarctic.

Talking sense

Fort Worth (AP) – Mrs Laura Bell Young, aged 101, who was knifed and beaten in her home, has returned from hospital and wants to have a talk with the 10-year-old boy accused of the attack "to try to talk some sense into him".

Bhutto prayer

Islamabad – Pakistan's main opposition leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto, prayed yesterday at the graveside of her father, the executed Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, on the 59th anniversary of his birth.

Forest blaze

Locarno (Reuter) – A weekend fire, which may have been started deliberately, destroyed about 750 acres of forest in the southern Swiss canton of Ticino.

Elton's throat

Sydney (Reuter) – The rock star Elton John, aged 40, went into St Vincent's Hospital here yesterday for exploratory throat surgery.

Wall crash

Berlin (AP) – A 19-year-old West Berlin man was killed when the car he was driving crashed into the Berlin Wall.

Late fines

Belgrade (Reuter) – Yugoslav railway stations responsible for late trains will be fined 2,500 dinars (£3.62p) per minute's delay, as part of a new punctuality drive.

Christian militia under attack

Israel changes line on need for Unifil

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israel, with the South Lebanon Army militia it sponsors under increasing attack from the Iran-backed Hezbollah (Party of God), has signalled that it has changed its attitude towards the presence of UN troops in the area.

Four more SLA men were killed and two others wounded yesterday by a booby-trapped bomb, believed to have been placed by the Hezbollah near the village of Markaba, just outside the so-called "security zone" Israel has set up inside the Lebanese border. This brings to 14 the number of SLA militiamen killed in the past week.

The latest attack occurred despite the warning of Sunday's raid by Israeli helicopter gunships on what were said to be buildings used by the Hezbollah for planning operations.

These raids coincide with the routine tour in the area of Mr Marick Goulding, the UN Assistant General Secretary responsible for the UN Intervention Force in Lebanon (Unifil), to report on whether its mandate should be renewed.

In Jerusalem last weekend, he was told that the Israeli Government considered that Unifil was doing a positive job in difficult circumstances. "We appreciate what Unifil is doing," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

This is in marked contrast to the Israeli view ever since Unifil was set up in 1978. Until now, the official line has been that the force is an irrelevance because it is incapable of preventing hostile units infiltrating Israel.

Only last September Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said he did not want to see UN soldiers dying in Lebanon for the protection of Israel and he would not object if they were sent home provided they were not pulled out under threat of terrorism.

The new line given to Mr Goulding is much more positive. While there is still no suggestion here of allowing Unifil to deploy up to the border, there is growing acceptance that the UN presence is useful and that its removal would be against Israel's interests.

Tel Aviv (Reuter) – Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, Israel's ultra-orthodox Interior Minister, who is resigning because of a dispute over what constitutes a Jew, said yesterday that Reform Judaism was destroying the Jewish people.

It was "leading the people of Israel towards destruction, desecration and assimilation".

US cardinal mends diplomatic fences

Jerusalem – Cardinal John O'Connor made his peace with the Israeli Government yesterday before leaving for home in New York at the end of what began as a diplomatically bungled visit (Ian Murray writes).

He was ordered by the Vatican to cancel meetings in the Jerusalem offices of government ministers for fear that these might be interpreted as official recognition by the Roman Catholic church of the disputed capital of the state of Israel, which is still not officially recognized by the church. Israeli leaders in turn insisted they would only meet the cardinal in their offices.

But yesterday morning he had breakfast with Mr Shimon Peres in the Foreign Minister's home, for an hour-long discussion of Middle East peace and bilateral issues, such as the plan to build a monastery at the site of Auschwitz concentration camp.

Mr Peres agreed to host the breakfast at home after the cardinal paid what was officially described as an unofficial visit to President Chaim Herzog the previous evening. The cardinal had squared the circle by agreeing that the President's office was also his home. Although he went in by a side door marked in Hebrew "President's office," for protocol purposes it was a home visit.

In his officially unofficial meetings the cardinal was able to explain the Vatican's view that it could not recognize Israel until three issues were resolved. These were the Palestinian problem, the internationalization of Jerusalem and the custody of the Holy Places.

As far as the Palestinian question was concerned, the cardinal told Mr Peres that King Husain of Jordan told him last week that the year ahead would be decisive. He hoped to see the peace process get under way again after the Islamic conference scheduled for the end of this month.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE
South Africa

Samuel Fezile

By Caroline Moorehead

Samuel Fezile is the national president of South Africa's Textile Workers' Industrial Union. On June 12, a few hours before President Botha declared a state of emergency, he was taken away by security police during a raid on his house.

More than six months later he is still in detention, though no reasons have been given for his arrest.

He is one of about 300 trade union leaders and more than 2,500 members detained since the emergency was declared. He is being held under section three of the emergency regulations, which enables the Government to hold anyone indefinitely, without charge or trial.

The detentions, however, are only the most recent actions in South Africa against members of trade unions, who for many years have been harassed, detained without trial and ill-treated during interrogation.

It is not only in South Africa, of course, that trade union leaders have been recent targets of human rights abuses. Over the past year, officials and members of trade unions are known to have been imprisoned in Burkina Faso and Mauritania; tortured in Bangladesh (the landless peasants' union leader, Shamsher Ali); detained in Egypt (37 railway workers, arrested after a rail strike); and executed in Indonesia (Muhammad Munir, a trade union leader, in May 1985).

In South Korea, the former director of the research division of the Catholic Farmers' Association, Mr Kim Chong Sam, serving a 25-year prison sentence for belonging to an anti-state organization, has gone on a hunger strike. He is protesting against ill treatment by guards during a previous hunger strike.



Mr Fezile: No reason given for arrest.

Dispute over Coloured minister

Elections threat to Hendrickse

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The dispute between President Botha of South Africa and his only Coloured (mixed-race) Cabinet minister, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, over the scrapping of the Group Areas Act intensified yesterday.

The Afrikaans-language press highlighted suggestions that, instead of calling an election for whites only, Mr Botha might decide to dissolve both the Coloured and Indian chambers of the tricameral Parliament.

The Johannesburg newspaper *Beeld*, considered to be reasonably close to Mr Botha's thinking, said such a move would put Mr Hendrickse on the spot. There was a poll of only about 30 per cent in the Coloured election two years ago in which Mr Hendrickse's Labour Party won 77 of the 80 seats.

The inference was that even fewer Coloured voters would go to the polls a second time and that that would damage Mr Hendrickse's stature more than that of the Government, which claims the existence of the tricameral Parliament proves its willingness to share power with other races, the 18 million black Africans excluded.

Mr Hendrickse threatened at the Labour Party's congress in Port Elizabeth to withdraw the party from Parliament if its demands for scrapping the Act are not met.

He followed that with a dip in the surf at King's Beach, which is legally reserved for whites only, to demonstrate his contempt for other apartheid laws, such as the Separate Amenities Act and the Population Registration Act.

He said yesterday: "I enjoyed it. I was in the water for about 20 minutes and it reminded me of my boyhood in Port Elizabeth when we played on the beach with white kids.

"Then we lived completely normal lives. My parents lived in a street where there was a Chinese on one corner and an Indian on another. My father rented a house to a white Afrikaner.

"It all fell apart with the group areas and we, as Coloureds, were forced to move out."

Mr Hendrickse said he would not "run away from his reponsibilities" and resign from the Cabinet – he is a minister without portfolio, as is the leader of the Indian House of Delegates, Mr Armichand Rajbansi.

Nor, he added, would he abruptly pull the Labour Party out of Parliament.

The white opposition MP, Mrs Helen Suzman, of the Progressive Federal Party, warned the Government yesterday not to call a Coloured general election merely to hit back at Mr Hendrickse.

She said: "An election would stimulate even more violence than we are already experiencing.

"To call an election because of petty anger at being defied is ridiculous when the views of the Coloured community on the Group Areas Act, which is at the centre of the argument between Mr Botha and Mr Hendrickse, are very well known." Mr Botha's office said the President had no further comments to make on Mr Hendrickse's statements.

Paris goes sour on Australia

Canberra (Reuter) – Australian Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday that relations between Canberra and Paris had reached their lowest point in history over the issue of New Caledonian independence.

They said France had suspended ministerial visits last month because of Australian support for independence for France's South Pacific territory.

The officials said that relations between the two countries were at their lowest point and that the suspension issued by the French Foreign Minister, M Jean-Bernard Raimond, in Paris would last "until further notice".

Foreign Ministry officials and the French Embassy indicated that a visit scheduled for later this month by M Gaston Flosse, France's minister in charge of South Pacific problems, was unlikely to go ahead.

A French Embassy source said Paris was disappointed with the leading role Australia had taken in last month's United Nations debate, after which the General Assembly declared New Caledonia a non-self-governing territory and subject to UN decolonization procedures.

About 20 people were killed in rioting nearly two years ago between indigenous Melanesians campaigning for independence and European settlers.

NZ sends storm aid to islands

Wellington (Reuter) – New Zealand flew emergency relief workers and supplies to the Cook Islands yesterday after the worst storms in living memory made 1,000 people homeless, wrecked buildings and destroyed crops at the weekend.

The Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, said in a statement that engineers and hydrographers would assess damage and restore power supplies brought down by Cyclone Sally, which blew up to 125 miles an hour.

"The Cook Islands Government will be initially engaged in assessing the extent of damage and what further help is required", Mr Lange said.

The storms destroyed export crops of tropical fruits, threw up 40 ft waves and destroyed 80 per cent of public buildings in Avarua, capital of the Pacific islands group, which was formerly administered from New Zealand.

The Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Sir Thomas Davis, described Sally as the worst storm there in living memory. There were no deaths among the population of 20,000.

Yesterday's airlift was carried out by a New Zealand Air Force Hercules transport.

Mr Lange said a second Hercules would leave for the islands today carrying more relief supplies and two post office linesmen to help restore communications.

Falling populations worry Nordic countries

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Finland, already one of the most sparsely populated countries in Europe, is facing a demographic crisis during the next century that could see its population reduced by a fifth and its proportion of elderly men and women increased fourfold.

That prediction, by government planners, is presented in a report ominously entitled *Greying Finland*. As an antidote to the loss of a million people, the planners recommend increased annual quotas for the intake of refugees from the current 100 to 5,000. But even that is too little for some commentators, who would like to see Finland opened to immigrants of all kinds, to the tune of 15,000 to 20,000 a year. Others insist that government incentives to have more children are the only solution.

Finland's is only the latest in a recurring series of alarming population forecasts in the Nordic countries, which have always had trouble finding enough people to fill their vast and inhospitable open spaces. The total land area of "Norden", as it is known to those who do live there, is just over 1.25 million square kilometres, roughly the size of all the EEC countries excluding Greece, inhabited by a mere 23 million people.

Iceland, Norway, Finland and Sweden, in that order, are the least populated of the European countries, with a density ranging from a mere two people per square kilometre in Iceland to 19 in Sweden. Only tiny and relatively overcrowded Denmark, with 118 per square kilometre, even approaches the cheek-by-jowl conditions most other European countries take for granted.

Norden is blessed, moreover, with an extremely high standard of living, and its people are among the most long-lived in the world. On the other hand, high standards mean high prices, high taxes, especially in a socialist context, and therefore a severe economic crunch for young married couples.

To stand a Nordic cliché on its head, the people here may never be poor, but they are always broke – a powerful disincentive against large families.

In 1985, Norway was predicting an absolute decline in its population by the year 2011, and in that time its 500,000 pensioners, out of a total population of just over four million, were expected to double. Recent statistics suggest that the long slump in the birth rate may be nearing its end, and in Oslo at least a tentative "baby boom" has increased that rate by about a fifth in the past two years. But reversing the trend will still be an uphill struggle.

During the previous year, the Nordic Council had identified a common "very low fertility rate, which will eventually mean a decrease in the population", although in Sweden large numbers of immigrants were expected to make up the losses to some extent. By 2025 the Nordic countries as a whole were expected to have lost almost 1.5 million people, while the numbers of those past retirement age increased by about 1 million.

The prospect, in short, is of a deep-frozen geriatric ward stretching from the North Sea to the Gulf of Finland – albeit with more than enough room for all those beds.

Can they pull the plug on Dirty Den?

The BBC electricians' strike could disrupt every type of programme if it continues for much longer. William Greaves looks at the background to the dispute while Bryan Appleyard assesses the danger to the nation's favourite soap, *EastEnders*



The power game: angry BBC electricians demand their 20 per cent

If the BBC electricians' strike can be traced back to another dispute between the Corporation and its scene shifters in the spring of 1984, then two particular practices which came to light at that time are indicative of the mind-boggling complexity of TV labour relations.

So bizarre were the demarcation rules that the light on a lamppost had to be handled by one man and the post by another. While another guideline defined hessian palm trees as scenery and fibre glass palm trees as props.

Ironically, it was the agreement of two trade unions, the Association of Broadcasting Staff and the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kinematograph Employees, to end those particular restrictive practices in return for an approximate 20 per cent basic pay increase for scene shifters which sowed the seeds of grievance which grew into this week's stoppage by 500 electricians.

Until that time the BBC had always entered into pay negotiations with the various unions collectively and never with one craft individually – and it is precisely that 20 per cent increase which is now being demanded by the EETPU, the electricians' union, for its BBC members

Although the basic wage for the Corporation's electricians of £3 an hour, adding up to about £12,000 a year with overtime and other payments, compares with £4.65 an hour (£22,000) at ITV and £5 an hour with outside contract companies, Mr Harry Hughes, EETPU's chief television negotiator, insists that it is not external but internal disparities which led to the stoppage.

"The BBC rates of pay for our members have always been lower because of the way they have been agreed at joint meetings with other unions and the bureaucratic clumsiness of those meetings which often had fifteen or twenty BBC representatives sitting down around the table," said Mr Hughes yesterday.

"But it was the BBC itself which broke its own rules when it came to a separate deal with the scene shifters and our members have never caught up since."

For its part, the BBC insists it has undertaken to review all aspects of terms of employment of its 5,500 weekly paid staff, of which the electricians are a part, with a promise to improve the proportion of basic pay to the average total, and can not come to a separate agreement with the electricians until the review is complete. "In the coming days the BBC will continue its efforts to convince its staff of the very real benefits of this approach, which could provide major long-term improvements in employment for all weekly paid staff," says deputy director of personel, Mr Roger Chase. To which Hughes responds that they had almost come to agreement after two years of negotiations when the BBC announced its plans for the overall review and "if it had said that in the first place it would have saved a lot of wasted time."

Although the EETPU have frequently shown a degree of maleability beyond that usually found in archetypal union-management pay talks, and had already agreed to several productivity concessions, few can deny the BBC's right to a more streamlined relationship between the myriad of skills which go to make up a single television programme.

A scene manager who recently left the BBC to join a firm of outside contractors defined the routine and outlined some of the difficulties which become the daily norm. "First in line come the cleaners who get rid of all the bits and pieces left behind by whoever used the studio before. Then come the scenic painters and the scenic artists. And so the first snag is to decide whether a line on the stage is a work of art or not. For instance, graining the floor to make it look like wood can be done by the painters but the artists insist that it comes into their job.

"Then come the props people, continuity, make-up and costume, special effects – props become special effects, for instance, if a fire has to be lit or if anything involves running water – electricians and, at various times, scaffolders, metal workers, plasterers, and upholsterers. The whole thing becomes a nightmare of demarcation."

The story of the *Playschool* clock has become a BBC legend. Because it lit up, the electricians insisted it was their job to look after it. Props workers claimed it was part of the set decor and came within their province. And the upshot was that the programme's young audience wondered why the clock on the wall had never been known to work.

Such restrictive practices are not, however, peculiar to the BBC. David Graham, executive producer with Diverse Productions, an independent firm of programme makers, recalls a recent story of a Thames TV crew who were filming in South America. "There were nine in the crew – heaven knows why it took that many – and they needed to travel from one part of Brazil to another. Now, it so happened that they had negotiated a deal whereby they always travelled by air first class. Unfortunately the local air line didn't have a first class section and so the crew refused to travel. In the end they had to be flown out of Brazil and back again to meet their terms."

As the BBC battles to save threatened programmes from the effects of the electrician's stoppage, stormclouds gather from another direction. The Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance is preparing for a strike ballot of 60 producers, cameramen, librarians and clerks. This second dispute is over disciplinary action taken by the BBC against some members of the alliance after yet another pay dispute last year and programme planning will be affected if producers are unable to gain access to film archives.

BETA, the biggest union within the Corporation and representing all catagories of staff, was formed in 1985 as an amalgamation of the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees and the Entertainment Trades Alliance. As a result of this there are now only four unions in the BBC – BETA, the National Union of Journalists, EETPU and SOGAT '82, representing 30 warehousemen.

Probably also as a result of cutting down on the number of unions in recent years the present strike is only the fourth major dispute in the 1980s – the eight-week 1984 scene shifters' strike being preceeded by a five-week electricians' demarcation stoppage in 1982 and an outside broadcasting dispute a year later, which lasted a month and caused sporadic disruption.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this week's strike is the attitude taken by the EETPU towards its members working for outside contractors. "Although they earn nearly twice as much as their BBC colleagues – and often work side by side with them – we have not ordered them to come out in support," said Mr Hughes yesterday. "We hope they will give support but, as they don't stand to gain anything, it wouldn't be right to insist."

With that kind of spirit on one side and what looks like a genuine bid to find a solution from the employers, the prospects of better weather down at the BBC are looking good.

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- *EastEnders* is the BBC's showcase soap and three production teams, each comprising a director, production manager, production assistant and assistant floor manager, are permanently at work on it.
- In addition the permanent staff includes the producer's office, the script department and the designer. The programme is also the only BBC show to have its own publicity department. In all, between 30 and 35 people are working full-time on the programme at Elstree Studios. Total staff working on the programme on days when they are shooting is between 60 and 70.
- The BBC is unwilling to divulge specific figures, but the following are the approximate numbers used by Granada for shooting its twice-weekly soap, *Coronation Street*.

Executive Producer	1
Producer	1
Director	1
Production Assistant	1
Designer	1
Cameramen	5
Floor Manager	1
Assistants to Floor Manager	2
Make-up Artists	7
Lighting Director	1
Electricians	6
Vision Mixer	1
Vision Control Engineers	2
Sound Men	6
Engineering Supervisor	1
Stage Crew	5
Props	2
Wardrobe	3
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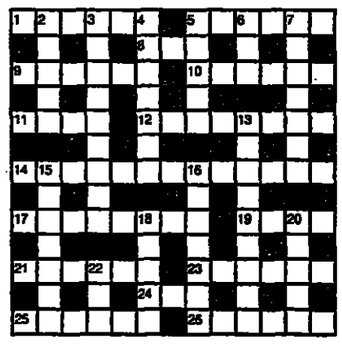
Tomorrow it will become clear whether the electricians' dispute will hit *EastEnders*, the BBC's most successful and most complex programme-making operation. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are the normal shooting days for the twice-weekly soap but the production team has no idea as yet whether it can go ahead.

The programme is made at Elstree studios on a specially-built set. Episodes are shot an average of six weeks in advance so any impact of the dispute felt tomorrow will not affect the viewer immediately.

But it is the centrepiece of the BBC's output. In two years it has taken over from *Coronation Street* as the highest-rating programme on British television. It has led the corporation's recovery in its ratings battle with ITV. If the plugs are pulled on *EastEnders*, between 15 million and 23 million people will want to know why.

The show's problem with the dispute is compounded by the immense logistical effort involved in keeping a bi-weekly drama series on the road. About half its staff of around 70 people permanently work at Elstree, while the remainder come from the usual roster arrangements at Television Centre. Even during normal working the programme is in production six days a week so there is little leeway within the schedules for catching up.

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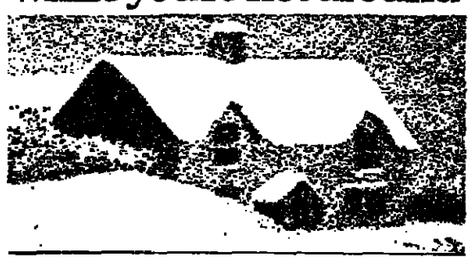
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The house that Leon built

After 18 years of paper ideas architect Leon Krier has made a traditional dream come true in Florida

Paul Lovelace



Master planner with master plan: Leon Krier holds a model of his classic Florida home

After 18 years in the profession, German-born architect Leon Krier is building his first house.

This month the finishing touches will be put to his creation, a classically-inspired wooden house in a new Florida resort. And, after a lifetime of paper schemes, its designer, who lives in Belsize Park, north London, is understandably excited.

"I always said I would never build unless the conditions were right. But this is a dream come true," says Krier of the Florida town, unimaginatively dubbed Seaside, where plastic and all things imitation are banned.

The ultimate perfectionist, Leon Krier never saw his previous ideas – apart from the odd exhibition piece – leave the drawing board. But when the developers of the 80-acre site in northern Florida offered him a building plot in exchange for his advice, he seized the chance.

Modelled on traditional American cities like Charleston and Savannah, the town is built round a market square, complete with campanile, and has strict regulations on everything from materials to the pitch of a roof.

"All I've had for years is 'you can't do that . . .'" says Krier, a neat, precise man who dresses – as he designs – like someone born out of his century. "But there, whatever I said they took down and acted on. I found it almost embarrassing.

"People think of America as a country with just cars and fast foods. But it's not so."

Krier's preferred role is that of master planner rather than architect. "Architects," he says dismissively, "are now really site managers, nothing more. All the important decisions are out of their hands."

In the summer he will have the chance to indulge his vision on a global scale when he takes up the directorship of a new research institute in Chicago funded by the giant architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. Krier plans to devote his three-year term to environmental problems. His ultimate dream is the establishment of a non-political World Academy of the Environment. Ironically, all this comes as he is finally beginning to achieve recognition in Britain, the country he adopted more than 18 years ago.

> **'I always said I would never build unless the conditions were right'**

Like many other traditionalists – Quinlan Terry being the most obvious example – Krier had a rough ride as a student in Germany in the 1960s.

"I could do projects in the most immaculate way and they would just be graded zero," he recalls. "My work was called Nazi and fascist. After the war, you could no longer speak of traditional architecture."

Despairing of his future in such a paranoid atmosphere, he sent off some drawings to James Stirling, whose Engineering Faculty building at Leicester he particularly admired. He was immediately asked to join Stirling in Britain, where he stayed for three years.

"I was working on traditional buildings at the same time as other people in his office were creating things in blue and yellow plastic," he says. "He could run both avenues with equal comfort."

After spells teaching at the Architectural Association and at Princeton, a competition prize gave him the freedom he wanted to go freelance. Since then, apart from an unsuccessful attempt at collaboration on a housing scheme with his older brother Robert, an architecture professor in Vienna, he has worked on his own and on paper. His office is an elegant book-lined room furnished with classical columns and statues in the Hampstead flat he took over from James Stirling. Always something of a maverick in the architectural establishment, his outsider status is confirmed by the scheme for London's South Bank which he produced for the architectural magazine *Blueprint*. Where Richard Rogers favours hi-tech walkways, Leon Krier's plans include cutting the Shell building down to size (literally), and building housing – lots of it.

In the gospel according to Krier, cities will be revitalized only when the traditional delicate balance between public and private, monumental and practical, is restored.

New recognition for his ideas came after his plans for the National Gallery extension were short-listed. Developer Stuart Lipton was prompted to invite him to construct a "masterplan" for Spitalfields, an ancient medieval parish "badly hurt", as Krier tenderly puts it, by the twin pressures of traffic and rising property values.

His plans involve the abandonment of all kinds of zoning and the rebuilding of the 18th-century pattern of streets and squares. Other schemes for the area have contained up to 85 per cent offices but Krier favours mixed-use, low-rise development, with offices and housing built around a public square.

Where earlier generations of architects might have put a church, he has included a museum, a hotel and a domed trading hall, in line with his insistence on the importance of public buildings. "It's not ideal – but at least it's not all offices," he says.

"Office developments make a lot of money. They are cheap to build compared with housing and other structures, so the profits and returns are really high. This creates a pressure which is enormous and I think can only be resisted at a political level.

"Developers will say 'if you need public buildings, why not make an office building *look* like a public building?' But if they want to do that, they need another architect."

Sally Dugan

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Lessons of Chernobyl

Even a nuclear cloud can acquire a silver lining, the World Wildlife Fund says, if it helps children understand the environment

After the Chernobyl disaster a nine-year-old pupil asked a teacher: "How can I stop worrying about nuclear power?"

The explosion at the Ukraine nuclear power station was an event of global importance whose shadow stole over the classrooms of Britain. But to the research team at the World Studies Teacher Training Centre in York, it was a disaster of remarkably fortuitous timing.

The team had just embarked on Global Impact, a three-year study commissioned by the World Wildlife Fund, to devise a teaching strategy which would improve children's grasp of environmental issues and help them become better-informed. When they heard about Chernobyl, they felt vindicated.

"There is nothing as good as a direct learning experience, however horrific the event that triggered it," says Graham Pike, one of the project team.

The WWF, which has been organizing classroom environment projects for the past five years and will spend £160,000 on the study, believes analysis of issues such as Chernobyl should be an essential part of every child's education.

Dr David Selby, the project's director, says that present provision for environmental teaching in schools ranges from the excellent to the non-existent. While children are aware of global issues, that awareness is only superficial.

"Environmental issues need to be discussed in a global context with an understanding of social, political and economic factors," he says.

So how would the centre "teach" Chernobyl? Graham Pike says: "I would allow a period in which children could express their feelings without being challenged by the teacher. We would then try to pick out the issues involved which are wider than nuclear power. This would involve research, talking to parents and science teachers and making approaches to official bodies which could supply the information.

"There is a tremendous amount of individual learning which could be touched off, from what it might mean for our energy policy to our view of the Russian people as people rather than as enemies."

Perception of another current issue, African famine, has disappointed the team. Dr Selby compared the translations of the various country's songs at the Live Aid concert in July 1985. He found Britain's to be bland and benign compared with others which were more politically and socially provocative. West Germany, for example, stressed inequality and global imbalances. In the classroom Selby would always put African famine into its wider temporal, political and economic context.

A strikingly simple example of how to project the global perspective to a class came in a pilot study by Brian Hudson, a maths teacher. He compiled a computer programme on 127 developing countries under such headings as gross national product, arms spending and infant mortality. Pupils could then compare how poor countries allocated their resources. The centre intends to market the package for £7.50.

At the end of its first year, the study team will produce a guide to all the relevant material already produced by environment and aid organizations and recommend ways to increase its use in schools. The second stage will be to investigate the extent and quality of environment teaching and devise a strategy for curriculum change in the 1990s.

Gareth Huw Davies

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THE ARTS

Tyranny of time

Left to its own devices – freed from the diurnal regulation of sunlight and digital watches – the human body would adopt *The Twenty-Five Hour Clock* (BBC2). Why this should be so, and how the apparent anomaly has evolved, are two of the questions which this *Horizon* series-opener left unprobed. Is there a cumulative knock-on effect which periodically requires a biological leap-day? Could the concept justifiably be used to mitigate the tyranny of licensing hours?

TELEVISION

Instead, Paul Vaughan's voice-over strung together some of the more obvious effects of the circadian rhythm. An American cancer patient's life was prolonged for 18 months by sewing into his belly a drug-pump programmed to bombard his immune with chemotherapy at those times of day when it would be most efficacious. Fruit flies were shown obeying the genetic urge in laboratory conditions according to their "rhythm gene"; in another lab, human volunteers suffered extended clock deprivation and doubtless envied the fruit flies. The pineal gland of the red deer and its influence on rutting led on to jet-lag and seasonal depression.

For the lay viewer who cannot tell an enzyme from a test tube, some of this material was fascinating, but any idea of an organizing principle got lost in the pudding of largely undifferentiated facts. And, while it is pleasant to think of researchers and volunteers getting along well together, we do not need to watch them wisecracking.

Left to his own devices, the average viewer might decide to miss *The State of the Nation* (Granada) over the next two weeks. Promising to relate "stories which hold up a mirror to us all", this profile of three extended British families did not demonstrate much beyond the fact that it is the privilege of the old to moan about what has become of "their" country. A nice couple from Coventry were asked why they had had eight children. Their response was illuminating: "We had no television".

Martin Cropper

Strong policy bearing impressive fruit

GALLERIES

The Medieval Treasury/Japanese Art and Design/ Eye for Industry
Victoria and Albert Museum

Industrial Image
Photographers' Gallery

While Sir Michael Levey, during his time at the National Gallery, has continued to place acquisition high on his list of priorities, and has constantly campaigned for larger grants to that end, Sir Roy Strong at the Victoria and Albert has proved – sometimes to the ill-concealed resentment of other national museum directors – a lot readier to cut his coat to suit his cloth. If there is not enough money forthcoming for major acquisitions or, for that matter, major temporary shows, then we might as well concentrate on husbanding our resources and making the best of what we have got. And, of course, seeking sponsorship in the private sector, which seems always likely to unbend a little more than the government of the day, of whatever political complexion it may be.

Two of the latest fruits of this policy have recently been unveiled: The Medieval Treasury section right ahead of you as you go in from the main Cromwell Road entrance, and the Toshiba Gallery of Japanese Art and Design, so called, naturally, because Toshiba were persuaded to sponsor the whole installation. The results, in both cases, are certainly impressive. Both point to the undeniable fact that the V & A has now far more in its collections than it can ever normally show, and that there is a lot to be said for getting some more of that on display before one worries too much about new acquisitions. The contents of the Medieval Treasury section, naturally, have not been hiding in boxes in some basement or attic, disregarded by everyone: on the contrary, they include some of the museum's most famous individual pieces, such as the Gloucester Candlestick and the Eltenberg Reliquary, supported by almost equally well-known wonders of tapestry, ivory-carving, illumination, enamel and almost everything else the medieval artist could do to glorify God or man. But the need has been felt for some time of a worthy setting for all these wonders, and now it has been achieved.



Japanese dish of the early 18th century, porcelain with underglaze blue and overglaze enamel decoration, in the Toshiba Gallery

The placing of the new gallery is bold and just, and the display, in absolutely plain, classic, almost unnoticeable glass cases is a model of tact and style. There have already been some complaints that, as a piece of display, it is not exciting and dramatic enough. But then, even if that might be so for a temporary exhibition, one must bear in mind that this is intended as a permanent display, and could easily run into the query of a Peacock character faced with a constantly surprising landscape garden: "But where, pray, is the surprise the second time?".

Some of the more striking pieces in the Toshiba Gallery have been lurking unregarded: the enormous blue-and-white dish, for instance, which had probably never been displayed in all the years since it was acquired. Rediscoveries apart, though, it is an excellent idea to have a representative selection of Japanese art and design on show all together in sympathetic surroundings – which have been achieved by placing a lightweight structure of slats and screens within one of the high arched galleries on the east side of the museum, so that the works are not dwarfed but the room is not drastically diminished either.

Though some of the works on display, such as the splendid ceremonial kimonos and mantles, are quite large, essentially the show concentrates on the exquisite miniatures in which Japanese art is so rich: small ceramics, inro and netsuke, the sword and its various accessories. With the netsuke in particular, the sheer invention is constantly amazing – not to mention the extreme skill with which a figure like that of the yawning man can be carved with the utmost economy and vividness out of wood or ivory, often by some completely unknown artist.

The emphasis on design is in fact another thing which has been central to Roy Strong's rule. The museum has achieved a clearer focus through its taking on the subtitle "The National Museum of Art and Design", and of course the area of current design is one where acquisitions, as well as being essential, can be made even on a very skimpy budget. The claims of scholarship in more traditional, fine-art disciplines have by no means been forgotten – witness the recent Alexander Cozens exhibition, the latest of many which have dramatized the application of new expertise to English watercolourists of whom the museum already has considerable holdings.

But for some departments, it seems, 90 per cent of the intake is now of things made during the 20th century. The recently vacated section downstairs formerly occupied by the Boilerhouse Project is to become the museum's home for contemporary design exhibitions. And right now there is a show in the Henry Cole Wing, entitled Eye for Industry (until February 1), which turns the spotlight on the museum's connection with the Royal Designers for Industry, founded just 50 years ago.

As an exhibition Eye for Industry is liable to the criticism that there is too much design expended on the show, and too little in it. But at least what the show stands for is important, to the V & A as well as for the quality of life. It is good to be reminded that Britain has produced so much first-rate industrial design since 1936, and useful to be further reminded that in Britain, more than anywhere else, industrial design was firmly rooted in the arts and crafts, and draws strength from that continuity.

In this respect, the show at the Photographers' Gallery until January 31, entitled Industrial Image, offers a vivid and refreshing counterpart. It concerns British industrial photography from 1843 up to date, and cheerfully admits anything which has some reference to any kind of industry. Thus we see such monuments of Victorian enterprise as the Crystal Palace, and the Great Eastern and Holborn Viaduct in the process of creation, but we are also given a selection of curiously drab postcards of Welsh coal-mines and such.

Many of the earlier photographers are artists, no doubt, by default. Some of the middle-range photographers knew exactly what they were up to, producing art as well as record: who can doubt that the wonderful black-and-white pictures made by Walter Nurnberg in the Forties for Taylor Walker Breweries or the Cambridge University Press had this double aim as well as double achievement? After that it is surprising to find a recrudescence of anonymity: many of the most dramatic colour photographs of the last few years, primarily for advertising, are unexpectedly unattributed.

John Russell Taylor



Detail of altar cross, Mense Valley and North German, 12th-century with 15th-century additions, in the new Medieval Treasury Gallery

RECITAL

Augér/Baldwin
Wigmore Hall

A gentle melancholy pervaded much of the programme Arlene Augér chose for her first solo recital in London. It even coloured two of the three encores I stayed to hear, in which the switch from German Lieder to "The Sally Gardens" brought one of the most affecting moments as she quietly let the vocal line cradle the heart in tenderness of feeling, while Dalton Baldwin nursed the piano with equal sensitivity.

His contribution throughout an often demanding programme was the kind that singers most enjoy, giving them constant support with the freedom to make the phrasing their own. The soprano benefited from this to our musical enjoyment as well as hers, even if there was little in her singing to evoke the spirit of her operatic performances or that of *Exsultate, jubilate* at the Duke and Duchess of York's wedding.

For me her artistry was at its best in the group of Mahler songs that followed Mozart, Schubert and Strauss, not least in the poignancy of the lovely Ruckert setting, "Einen linden Duft", which did indeed breathe "a gentle fragrance" in its expression of quiet rapture. Her choice of *Wunderhorn* songs in this group afforded some overdue contrast of character and mood with which she successfully diverted a full house.

Earlier, I found her singing of Mozart, in particular, surprisingly cool and emotionally detached from the sentiments of the verses, limp as these were. At the same time there was never any doubt about her impeccable vocal technique, poised and secure in tone throughout the range as well as in the softest, most intimate passages.

She gave Schubert's "Butterfly" song too much of a Disney-like image in its musical character, but his setting of Goethe's aphoristic verse about the difference between love and fidelity was given its due sensibility. In the passionate "Gretchen am Spinnrate", with its burden of adolescent longing, singer and pianist between them created a sense of dramatic feeling without expressing more than its surface character.

Noël Goodwin

I hope that the presentation of this event is not going to prove typical of the South Bank Board's promotions. The printed programme consisted of a single sheet with an inaccurate list of the songs and pieces to be performed in the first half, a basic running-order for John Willett's and Michael Kustow's 1976 compilation of poems by Brecht (with no hint of which of the songs included were by Weill and which by Eisler), a scrappily written essay on Brecht by Willett, and, lengthiest of all, the artists' biographies.

There was no information on any of the composers, not all of whom were as well known as Weill, and John Harle's awkwardly spoken links did little to further our enlightenment.

Guessing games

CONCERT

Berliner Band
Elizabeth Hall

But the performances were thoroughly professional, as one has come to expect of anything in which Harle is involved. The responsibility for most of the Brecht sequence, called *To those born later*, fell to the speakers, Imelda Staunton and James Carter. Whether in acidic verses like "War has been given a bad name", in the absurdities of "Changing the wheel" and "To a portable radio" or in the cold terrors of "The chalk cross" and "Burial of the troublemaker in a zinc coffin", both actors paced their readings with utmost and rewarding care.

Meanwhile the songs, in which both Weill and Eisler are careful to keep their music on a purely functional level, were affectingly delivered by Sue Bickley, a versatile young figure who has a voice capable of conveying as great a sense of desperation as the rasping of any Lotte Lenya. And Harle's Berliner Band, of course, provided coolly idiomatic accompaniments.

Against this *scena*, the mixture which made up the first half seemed distinctly easy-going, despite the thoroughly Brechtian subject-matter of Harle's own "Stock Exchange song" (almost a Weill pastiche) and "Cradle song".

The chief influences to be heard were those of the blues; there was Jeremy Wall's "Elegy for Trane" (written in memory of John Coltrane), for example, as well as Weill's own "Lonely house", and Gil Evans's "Las Vegas tango" gave Harle an opportunity to show us that he can play the saxophone every bit as beautifully as Miles Davis could ever play the trumpet.

Stephen Pettitt

There are many fine chamber orchestras around, but I sense that the Purcell Ensemble, founded by its conductor Colin Howard, will also make the grade. As long as it retains a young membership, there is no reason why the golden ardour with which the group launched into Elgar's Introduction and Allegro should die.

All the carefully poised exposed wind entries in Mozart's Piano Concerto in C minor lent a subtlety to a performance in which it was the orchestra that stole the show, and Ravel's Suite *Ma Mère l'oye* caught the wonderment of the child's world.

The cellist and soprano Lowri Blake and the bass-player Peter Buckoke have put together a neat act as "A Man, a Woman and a Double Bass". Breezy and winsome, they presented an enjoyable evening of classical oddities, folk-inspired material and cabaret music. I personally found Buckoke's knowing smirks a bit hard to take, but I do not want to detract from his instrumental facility. Miss Blake is another matter – she is a superb cellist, who happens to have a passable voice that is better suited to the plaintive chant than to the raciness of Gershwin.

The Israeli violinst Daniel Fradkin and the Norwegian harpsichordist Ketil Haugsand did not allow anything as mundane as expressiveness to cloud their performance of four of Bach's duo sonatas. Fradkin's earnestly accurate style is unsmiling and, however wonderful are his bowing technique and ability to clarify detail, the overall effect is musically monotonous.

The Danish cellist Henrik Brendstrup settled into the Debussy Sonata with a delicately spun tone and poignant phrasing. His left-hand technique, though, is not wholly secure, and we also had to wait until he broadened out in Prokofiev's Sonata, Op 119, before hearing an overtly confident style of playing.

Jean Campbell

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Next week a V & A exhibition will focus on the genius of Irving Penn

Picture perfect

Some of my best friends are photographers. But none of them is a patch on Irving Penn, whose fashion pictures are as vibrant, lyrical and compelling now as when they were taken, 35 years ago.

Next week an important display of Penn's work will inaugurate the 20th Century Exhibition Gallery at the Victoria & Albert Museum. More than 200 photographs, the majority delicately orchestrated in black and white, will show the range of the long and continuing career of this reclusive photographer, whose sophisticated models in the 1950s, lips pursed on the then-fashionable cigarette, were distilled by the 1970s into a series of enlarged studies of decaying cigarette butts.

Penn's fashion career started with a still-life – a cover he took for American *Vogue* in 1943 with the encouragement of its legendary art editor, Alexander Liberman. Six years later, Liberman told Penn to "buy a dinner jacket and go to Paris to see the new collections". It was his introduction to the orchid blooms of high fashion that he captured so memorably in a series of Parisian silhouettes in 1950.

Penn is a purist and while other photographers – notably the exotic Cecil Beaton or the surreal Man Ray – built elaborate sets or encapsulated a visual story line, an Irving Penn fashion picture is remarkable for its stark simplicity. A dress, an empty studio and a model were his view of communication.

To some extent, all Penn's pictures are still-lifes. His photographs of Moroccan or Mexican natives, taken out of their natural habitat into a mobile "studio", record the clothes of a vanishing rural world as though they were fashion offerings. In some Penn portraits, the clothes speak as loudly as the subject.

The detail is the incidental result of Penn's absolute mastery of studio lighting and of his technical achievements with platinum-palladium prints which make the pictures glow. Penn was ultimately disillusioned by the deteriorating quality of the printed page, according to John Szarkowski, of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, under whose auspices the exhibition reaches the V & A. "I've learned the discipline of not looking at the magazines when they come out because they hurt so much," Penn claimed in 1964.

In 1950, the year of the magical, classical, Paris pictures, Penn had stated a different view: "The modern photographer, having . . . the urge to communicate widely, is inevitably drawn to the medium which offers him the fullest opportunity. He thus works for publication. He is in fact a journalist. The end product of his efforts is the printed page, not the photographic print. The technical limitations of his medium are not of sensitive photographic materials, but of the reproduction process . . . He is not surprised and saddened by the published result. He has to a great extent pre-envisioned it."

Those words should be printed on the hearts of all those fashion photographers of our own time who believe that three tungsten spots, two gel filters and a compliant printer are what good fashion pictures are about.

Irving Penn at the 20th Century Exhibition Gallery at the Victoria & Albert Museum from January 14 – March 8

Irving Penn catalogue by John Szarkowski. 156 plates, Museum of Modern Art, £18.95.



Irving Penn's graphic portrait of a veiled lady taken for American *Vogue* in 1950. The bold black and white image is in the V & A exhibition

PEOPLE

Coat in the act

Is the grand young Duke of York about to become the latest royal fashion asset? The splendid black coat with its curly astrakhan collar that he wore to church at Sandringham on Sunday was in the stylish tradition of his great-uncle Edward VIII. But the sweeping greatcoat was not from one of our fine military tailors, who all deny dressing the sailor Duke. I finally traced it to the Duchess of York's favourite designer Edina Ronay, who made the Russian-style coat with similar astrakhan trimmings that Fergie wore to the Remembrance Day service. Discreet Edina, daughter of Good Food buff Egon, will not reveal whose idea it was for the royal pair to have his-and-hers coats or whether they plan to appear in them together. But she admits that Andrew was fitted for his tailor-made wool and cashmere coat with fake curly wool astrakhan on cuffs, collar and pockets.

Past masters

Just as the new year honours list – including a knighthood for Sir Bernard Ashley, chairman of the ever-expanding Laura Ashley empire – was published I heard that Laura Ashley itself was about to move away from its country gardens to the hothouse blooms of Bloomsbury, and would soon be offering designs originally made in the 1930s by Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell. In a tribute to two artistic mothers, Laura's son Nick has worked with the Charleston Trust to preserve the early prints and has persuaded Vanessa's son, potter Quentin Bell, to produce ceramics for Laura Ashley.

Rags tale

Bruce Oldfield, everybody's designer darling, will draw on an impressive circle of famous admirers when he brings out his riches-from-rags life story this spring. The Pan book, written by *The Sunday Times's* Georgina Howell, contains tributes in words and pictures from Charlotte Rampling, Joan Collins, Anjelica Huston and Lisa Goddard – but not, I will wager, from his most stunning model, the Princess of Wales.

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FASHION

When the now upwardly-mobile pals met up again for the hols, they got themselves kitted out in warm togs first

FIVE WRAP UP FOR WINTER



The train pulled into the sleepy Dorset village and four young executives and a dog tumbled out into the crisp winter sunshine. The Famous Five had met up that morning for the start of their winter hols. Julian, Anne, George, Dick and Timmy the dog were ready for their annual adventure. Upwardly-mobile careers in the City, media and publishing now prevent the group from having more than one adventure a year. Their new year holiday means changing out of their tired old business suits and executive woman wardrobes into comfortable country clothes.

Julian and George had met in the West End the week before to invest in some new adventure gear. Julian made a bee-line for his favourite shop, Mulberry Company in Gees Court, where he bought a re-fill for his Mulberry planner diary and then stopped to browse at the menswear shelves. The brightly-coloured Argyll sweaters looked warm, but adventurers need to be inconspicuous. Tomboy George spotted a beige corduroy donkey jacket that looked both practical and stylish and persuaded Julian to try it on. He loved the spacious pockets, great for keeping secret messages safe, and rolled back the leather trimmed cuffs to reveal a smart tartan lining.

George beamed at him and held up a pair of green corduroy jodhpurs "They will go perfectly!" she cried excitedly. "I shall be proud to be seen with you!" Julian agreed and also tried on a smart grey rucksack with strong canvas straps. George had spotted a beautiful wicker hamper and was drooling at the thought of all the potted meat sandwiches and lashings of ginger beer they could pack in it. After paying for their new purchases, which all had a 30 per cent discount in the January sale, George and Julian made their way across Oxford Street to Hobbs in South Molton Street. George loved this shop, with its beautifully teamed separates, and dived straight into the sweater section. She tried on several styles, including silk and cotton mix cardigans but finally decided on an oatmeal coloured sweater that reminded her of her old school uniform.

The smiling assistant persuaded her to look at a deep brown corduroy jacket. George loved it because it had, she said ,"that lived-in look". George hates the tailored suits she has to wear to her job in Covent Garden and looks forward to weekends when she can pull on her buttermilk cords from Workers for Freedom and throw on a big sloppy sweater. "I wonder if Dick and Anne will have bothered to kit themselves out for the holiday?" said George ponderously as they hailed a taxi in Bond Street. Dick is renowned for his untidyness and the last thing he would enjoy would be a trip to the shops.

Luckily his sister Anne had bought him a sweater for Christmas. It was a deep plum colour with a green and blue Argyll pattern from the Scotch House and would go perfectly with his moss-green wool trousers. Anne had been shopping for herself in the Scotch House and had bought a pretty Fair Isle sweater with holly red flecks and a brightly patterned collar. She planned to wear it with her long blue riding skirt.

Anne was a pretty girl, with a tiny figure, and she disliked trousers. She preferred skirts even for country adventures. She also bought a pair of red woollen mittens and a plaid scarf to keep her warm during the inevitable nights on desolate moors.

Thus kitted out, Timmy with a new lead and collar, the Famous Five had met to start their journey.

"What a colourful bunch we are!" Julian cried delightedly."I feel as though I'm in the country already."

Anne had bought them all thick wool socks as a new year present. They were warm from head to toe and ready for their most stylish adventure yet.

Left to right. **George:** brown corduroy jacket, £39.99, oatmeal wool sweater with loose polo neck, £24.99, brown leather jodphur boots, £40, all in the sale at Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1 and branches. Buttermilk cords, £70 from Workers for Freedom, Lower John Street, W1. Cream and brown checked scarf, £8.50 from The Scotch House, Knightsbridge, SW1 and branches. Yellow knitted riding gloves, wicker picnic hamper with canvas straps, both from Mulberry Company, 11-12 Gees Court, W1.

Dick: plum coloured Argyll sweater, £39; moss green wool trousers, £55; green wool scarf, £8.50, all from the Scotch House, Knightsbridge, SW1 and branches. Thick wool socks £3.75 from Laurence Corner, 62-64 Hampstead Road, NW1. Tan leather lace up shoes, £19.99 from Barretts, 396 Oxford Street, W1.

Julian: corduroy donkey jacket £120 (approx), green corduroy trousers, £50 (approx), both from Mulberry Company, 11-12 Gees Court, W1. Heavy tartan scarf, £15 by Jeff Turner from Blazer, Longacre, WC1. Socks from Laurence Corner, lace-up boots from Barretts (for details, see above)

Anne: Fair Isle patterned sweater, £26.50, red woollen mittens, £4.99, plaid wool scarf, £8.50 all from The Scotch House, Knightsbridge, SW1 and branches. Blue corduroy riding skirt, £70 (approx) from Mulberry Company, 11-12 Gees Court, W1. Brown leather Doctor Marten shoes, £34.99 from Hobbs, South Molton Street, W1 and branches.

Make-up by Ruth Sheldon
Hair by Mario for Schumi

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Keeping on course at the sales

● Keying into the sales demands a computer's memory of fashion data. You need to know when the designer clothes are marked down, by how much the clothes are reduced, whose sale is about to start and where you will find nothing left after the post-Christmas sales rush except the lime-green leggings.

The second wave of designer sales starts this week, running alongside the earlier store reductions which still have excellent offers if you know what you want.

Buying forward or buying classics are the only rules that make sense in the bi-annual sales euphoria. An increasing number of people choose to wait for the bargains and this is especially true of designer clothes, which you can mentally select and try on in the hope that they will not be bought in the dying weeks of the year.

● The price of Katharine Hamnett's clothes have been halved in her new garage of a shop in Brompton Road, with similar reductions in South Molton Street and Kings Road. That brings a cotton drill woman's jacket and men's sleek mohair trousers both down to £60.

Krizia's collector's item sweaters also have price tags unravelled by half at Gallery 28, Brook Street W1.

Paris couturier Emanuel Ungaro has snipped his wool trouser suits down to £150 in Sloane Street and New Bond Street.

At the Armani Shop (123 New Bond Street), one of Giorgio's signature checked wool jackets from Mani is reduced to £100.



Stripey sweatshirts at £21.99 with warm leggings at £12.99 both in the sale at Stage, 488 Oxford Street and branches

● Yesterday, Joseph waited for a chain reaction to reduced prices on his Chanel send-up lambswools suits — one of the key items in the sale at Sloane Street.

The deliberate mistakes and asymmetric cut that used to characterize all Comme des Garcons clothes made them fashion items, not sale bargains. But you will find the bargains — shirts down to £65 — at their shop at 113 Fulham Road.

For first-footers only are the vast reductions on a few items from Valentino (New Bond Street and Sloane Street), where a £2,000 coat is going, going-gone for a mere £200 and all the classy evening wear is reduced by 40 per cent.

● Fifty per cent comes off designer prices at Browns on Saturday with a few more sensational bargains, like the Bill Blass grand evening gown knocked down from £1,700 to £250.

More modest starting and finishing prices are found for Sonia Rykiel Graphics or Byblos sweaters from £65.

Just in time for the bleak January weather, you can find Andrew Wilkie's sheepskin hats for a mere £5 at Workers for Freedom (4/4a Lower John Street W1), and chambray work shirts reduced to £30.

● Since the smell of old English leather seems to come best from foreign designers, you may find a stylish bag at a handsome discount when the Gucci sale starts on Saturday. Their wool skirts with leather buckled waists, men's leather jackets and even silk ties are all reduced.

British designers make the news at Lucienne Phillips (89 Knightsbridge SW1), whose sale starts this morning with bargain prices for the incomparable Jean Muir, the witty Jasper Conran and newcomer Alistair Blair, all at 50 per cent off the winter collection.

A shapely Bruce Oldfield jersey dress is now on offer from £100 in the sale at his shop (27 Beauchamp Place SW1) which started yesterday.

● The man who captured the essence of English style, Ralph Lauren, (143 New Bond Street W1) is releasing the look at 30 per cent reductions from next Saturday. His winter version of the sarong skirt — a blanket fabric wrap-around — will be leading the bargains and his classic chunky sweaters are a good winter investment.

Nicole Farhi's boutique at St Christopher's Place brings the price of her version of the body-skimming sarong to £28 and her pleated silk blouses are floating out of the shop at £62.

● You do not have to pay even reduced designer prices to get something out of the sales. Special lines in the stores and specialist boutiques nationwide have bargains for those with an eye for fashion. The incoming looks for this Spring are fuller skirts, striped sweaters and neat jackets. On their way out are anything drastically oversize and the wide Dynasty shoulder-line above a tight, narrow skirt.

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Simple patterns in blue and white are very popular for wallpapers, fabrics and decoration generally at the moment; so we asked Susan Skeen to design a tapestry to go with this look. The result is her lovely, fresh cushion, based on blue and white china patterns, which is so clean and simple that it will go very well with almost any colour scheme.



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From wig to pen

After a gap of nearly 25 years, Lord Hailsham has begun to write poetry again. He was a prolific poet until the Tory leadership contest in 1963, when the muse appeared to leave him. This Christmas, however, his cards contained a revised version of a poem he composed in the early 1960s. *New Song for the Nativity* contains two new verses; the last speaking particularly to Hailsham's 79 years:

Victor and Victim, God reigning from Calvary,
Brother, Creator, Judge Advocate, Friend,
Lover of sinners, reject me not utterly,
Divine Son of Mary, save me at the end

So impressed was Terry Wynn, editor of the Lord Chancellor's department journal, *Your Court*, that he persuaded Hailsham to allow publication in the magazine's latest edition. A photograph of a real life nativity scene, commissioned for the cover, portrays Lambeth County Court officer Sonia Edwards with her son Leon. The Lord Chancellor was apparently especially pleased that mother and child are black.

● **Spanish speakers who complain that the English National Opera's streetwise *Carmen* posters misspell "libertad" as "liberdad" are being told the mistake is deliberate. Designer graffiti, apparently.**

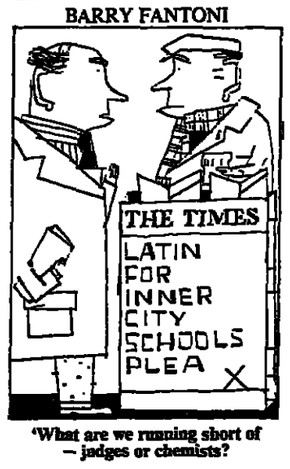
Written off

The British Council's monthly magazine, *British Book News*, has just sacked all 2,000 book reviewers on its files. It is dropping individual book reviews, which used to run to 150 per issue, and has sent off a less-than-tactful duplicated letter telling reviewers – including regulars of 25 years standing – that their services will no longer be required. "We hope you will like the new *British Book News* and will feel able to recommend it to others," the letter concludes cheerily. The magazine's editor, Jennifer Creswick, tells me that this wording is supposed to be "encouraging and pleasant."

Gone...

In the most striking renunciation of worldy goods I can recall, Ernst Behrens, the head of Sotheby's in Germany, is to become a monk. After spending part of last summer with a Benedictine order, he has entered the Abbey of Kremsmünster in Austria. Sotheby's yesterday could not identify any other likely candidates for the tonsure among its slick young men. After all, its new chairman, Lord Gowrie, joined after quitting the Cabinet – on the grounds that one cannot rub along on a mere £30,000 a year.

BARRY FANTONI



'What are we running short of – judges or chemists?

Just the ticket

The Alliance's autumnal defence fiasco really has knocked its self-confidence. The Liberals and SDP originally booked the Royal Albert Hall for their relaunch rally, but suffered a loss of nerve after the disastrous Liberal conference. "We *thought* we would never fill 5,000 seats in the hall so we booked the Barbican," an aide tells me. Now, however, it seems the organizers were too pessimistic. Tickets have been going at such a rate that an overspill hall has been booked where the faithful may watch the razzmatazz on closed circuit TV. Incidentally, the choice of SDP telly personality Bamber Gascoigne to chair the rally should not surprise former Liberal president Alan Watson. Down on Richmond riverside the two live so close that – should some unthinkable split occur – they could throw stones through each other's period windows.

Twin double

Although listed by the Audit Commission as being close to bankruptcy, Lambeth Council in south London has just announced the creation of eight new full-time jobs. In some cases replacing *temporary posts, they will add* £90,000 to its full-time wage bill. My favourite among the new posts is Assistant Town Twinning officer (£12,666 p.a.). Clearly one officer is no longer sufficient to handle what has become a growth industry *in Lambeth. In recent* years its long-standing partnership with Vincennes in France has been *supplemented* by links with Moskveretsky, a Moscow suburb, Bluefield in Nicaragua and – agreed in a fit of Scargillite passion during the miners' strike – two Kent mining villages.

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Why Dev must not die

R.W. Johnson argues against the closure of a university department that pays its way – and at the same time helps the world

Even in today's somewhat shell-shocked academic climate the news that the University of East Anglia (UEA) is proposing to shut down its entire undergraduate teaching programme in development studies comes as a stunning surprise. *It is difficult to imagine a* greater irony resulting from the government's cuts in higher education than the virtual destruction of a department which so successfully exemplifies all the virtues this government preaches.

But for me there was a personal shock too. I remember as a young lecturer at UEA nearly twenty years ago the polite disbelief with which we "pure" academics viewed the prospect of a School of Development Studies. The idea was that academics would be hired who would spend a third of their time in hands-on consultancy work in the Third World, returning to teach students about the nitty-gritty of development problems, while simultaneously turning their experience to account in terms of academic research.

Faculty and students alike would thus have to eschew the high ground of moral and political rhetoric which surrounds the study of the Third World like a warm fug in most university departments. Instead, they would have to confront real-world problems of soil erosion, commodity pricing, how to evaluate a road or dam-building project, and so on. Necessarily, such work would have to be inter-disciplinary, not only within the social sciences but also across the awful gulf which separates the sciences proper from the social sciences. Economists would have to learn about soil chemistry; agronomists would have to learn about development administration; political scientists would have to learn about cattle rearing and intermediate technology. Everyone, in a word, would have to get their hands dirty.

Those of us who were not in "Dev" (as it was universally known) shuddered. It was all splendid in theory of course – but it sounded horribly "applied", requiring a degree of real world involvement and skills that most academics prided themselves on not possessing. Moreover, the *faculty in this strange department* were also expected to sell their skills so successfully to the international market that they would earn sufficient profits to fund a third of their own salaries, pay for all the secretarial and other suport such work required, and, *on top of* that, pay a whacking 45 per cent overhead charge to the university.

Remarkably, it worked. Before long all the international agencies, as well as many developing countries, were beating a path to Dev's door. Its faculty criss-crossed the developing world, setting up irrigation projects, advising on training schemes, writing national economic plans and so forth. The money poured in (in the most recent year Dev earned around £333,000 – well over half what the whole School costs UEA). Over the years it has not only paid *hundreds of thousands of pounds* in overhead charges to UEA's purse but has also earned profits for the university on top of that. The faculty increased from zero in 1967 to 33 by 1979 and undergraduates from zero to more than 250

The School accounts for only 6 per cent of UEA's student population – but 15 per cent of its overseas students. Indeed, with its sizeable overseas fee income and consultancy revenues, Dev is now a quite considerable foreign exchange earner. Moreover, last year Dev won an "above average" rating by the UGC for its academic research.

When the cuts era started after 1979, those of us who had followed Dev's phenomenal progress were astonished to hear that the School had been cut far more than other departments at UEA. Faculty numbers were cut by 18 per cent and the undergraduate intake by 30 per cent from its peak. How could a university kill its golden goose like this? How could it single out its most famous department for the biggest cuts? It seemed frankly mad. Now, however, comes the news that UEA is *proposing to close down* Dev's entire undergraduate programme and cut the faculty by 40-50 per cent. The faculty argues that this will really mean the end of Dev altogether, for it will be simply impossible with such a dramatically *reduced range of skills to* man the postgraduate programmes or short courses, let alone maintain the School's research reputation or its credibility with the international agencies.

So why is this extraordinary cut proposed? *The School's own* faculty are frankly cynical. "We're less than five per cent of the university. Politically, it's always easier to cut us than bigger, more traditional disciplines. None of the other UEA departments given 'above average' UGC research ratings is being proposed for similar cuts. Dev is being singled out because we're just not their (the UEA administration's) sort of people. All our students have to have laboratory and computer experience as well as studying the social sciences. To them we're neither fish nor fowl, just a collection of Bob Geldofs. We do everything democratically and we don't wear ties."

None of these are remotely sufficient reasons to shut down the UK's only major development studies undergraduate programme. But it is difficult to go beyond such guesses. The planning document originating from UEA's *planning and resources committee* (which exempts the UEA administration itself from all cuts) argues, on the basis of 1984-85 figures, that Dev's unit costs are above average. But the 1985-86 figures – available but mysteriously unused – show Dev's unit costs to be below average. When I phoned the administration I was *told the Vice-Chancellor (Profes*sor Michael Thompson who, unusually, is giving up his UEA post to become Birmingham's Vice-Chancellor) did not want to discuss the proposals publicly. But, I pointed out, he had been on television to announce them. Well, that was just to emphasize that the proposals were only consultative: letters in the press had suggested that Dev was certain to be cut while actually it was *only under discussion.*

I went to the TV studios and viewed the video. The word "consultative" did not occur. I checked the letters of protest in the press; they had all appeared after the Vice-Chancellor's broadcast which could not, therefore, have been a response to them. It seems the Vice-Chancellor originally *brought foward* the proposals because he wanted to push the cuts through before leaving UEA. However, at a UEA Senate meeting on December 17 – which roundly and powerfully condemned the proposals – the Vice-Chancellor asked that there be no vote on the grounds that he did not wish to bind his successor, Dr D. C. Burke. It all seems very odd.

Can the UGC – or the Secretary of State for Education – really stand by and watch a university propose cuts which flout national priorities as well as the UGC's ratings of academic excellence? The UGC – *to whom Dev seems* certain to appeal over the Vice-Chancellor's head – said such moves would inevitably provoke "discussions" with the university concerned. The new UGC money for "restructuring" (i.e. redundancy and early retirement) would depend on a university producing an academic plan which would then have to be respected. But currently such plans do not exist; the whole argument at UEA is over what the plan is going to contain.

The argument is not over yet though. Clearly, a great deal rests on what the new Vice-Chancellor of UEA – a biotech engineer with commercial experience in a classic "sunrise" industry – makes of his inheritance. More than most, perhaps, the hand-over to Dr Burke's academic management is going to be a transition worth watching.

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Jonathan Mirsky on the behind-the-scenes backlash against student protest

Deng up against the wall

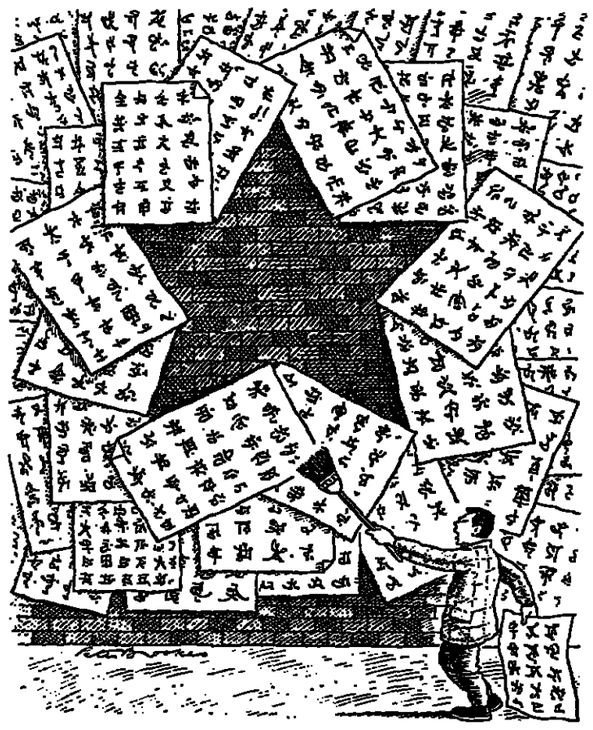
When university students burned the *Peking Daily* yesterday morning they were objecting to what they saw as its distortions of their protests. In a four-page open letter addressed to Deng Xiaoping, posted up on a wall at the university, a fourth-year mathematician, Guo Jichuan, said the paper's reports leant more towards adverse comment than towards fact and had "caused Peking's citizens to oppose students". An adjoining wall poster accused the *Peking Daily* of unfair reporting which "separates students from the masses", while another described the *Peking Daily* as the "tongue of the leftists".

These three posters signalled *another step towards a confronta*tion which Deng is desperate to avoid. His dilemma – how to maintain order and discipline while retaining the support of the intellectuals – will not have been eased by the open letter's direct appeal to him, nor by the associated wall posters. In 1980 it was Deng, enraged by attacks on him *and the Communist* Party at Peking's Democracy Wall, who made wall posters illegal.

But so far Deng and his allies have remained silent. It is nearly four weeks since the demonstrations began in Hefei – the capital of Anhui province – with a peaceful demand for student participation in provincial elections. The protests spread to at least 12 other cities and culminated in the New Year's march to *Peking's Tiananmen Square*, where students defied new restrictions on demonstrations. Yet over that time the central authorities have kept their peace.

Deng's adversaries, in contrast, have seized on the chance to link the student protests to the policy of the Open Door to the West, pioneered by Deng. For the Dengists, Western knowledge and investment are vital to China's modernization. Their critics, however, see a miasma of "spiritual pollution" drifting through the open door; while the most infectious and virulent of these pollutants is seen as "bourgeois liberalism/democracy."

Some of Deng's toughest opponents appeared last week at a tea party for traditional story tellers in the Zhongnanhai, the top leaders' sanctuary in a corner of Peking's Forbidden City, where they took turns in attacking Western intellectual subversion. Wang Zhen, one of the vice-chairmen of the party's central advisory commis-



sion, a haven for ex-leaders gently retired by Deng, excoriated those who "advocate national anihilism, debase and negate China . . . and call for complete Westernization. This is an idea of bourgeois liberalism," he went on, "*to which the people and the* masses are resolutely opposed."

A fellow party veteran, Bo Yibo, who was active in persuading anti-Japanese student demonstrators in late 1985 to call off their protest, attacked "the sort of talk and deeds that advocate bourgeois liberalism and wholesale Westernization and are tantamount to negating the Socialist system."

"Attacks on the system" is one of the deadliest charges available to Chinese leaders. It is one of the accusations that has been levelled by the *Peking Daily*, the organ of the capital's Communist Party organization and the paper which students burned yesterday morning. The paper had already criticized the demonstrations several times before; on December 29 it ran a hard-hitting editorial which reminded protestors that wall posters were *illegal.*

"Not a single dignified government in the world allows big character posters to run amok in its country," the paper said, before listing the defects of wall posters during the cultural revolution: "Rumours, slanders, abuses, threats, blackmail, demagogy, and *instigation . . . engulfing dignity*, careers, and even lives . . . and destroying domestic harmony and happiness."

Such wall posters "are no longer protected on the good earth of China," the *Peking Daily* said, and concluded by quoting from article 102 of the Criminal Code which stipulates harsh penalties for those supporting "counter-revolutionary slogans, leaflets, and other means and inciting the overthrow of the political power of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the Socialist system." According to the paper "some posters are already of this nature."

However, the *Peking Daily* has not been alone in its criticism of the students. The *People's Daily* and the more intellectual *Guangming Daily* have begun to take a similar line. So have some of China's best known "liberal" academics. Survivors of the Cultural Revolution such as the aged Fei Xiaotong, China's most famous anthropologist (and a PhD from the London School of Economics) have appealed to the students to remain orderly and use "proper channels" for their complaints.

Proper channels in China means writing to the Communist Party. The *students will take* seriously the warning from the *People's Daily* and the *Guangming Daily*, and from professors like Fei. For six months, the press and leading academicians have been supporting the party's call for "political reform" which includes wider participation in making decisions. Without such allies, the *students will have to march alone.*

Up to now, the authorities have been more than lenient. Despite *the regulations, students* have demonstrated without giving the required five days' notice. They have pasted up wall posters, and they have pushed through police barriers. A few have been arrested and quickly released. Almost desperately, the press is naming "a small handful of trouble-makers," or "workers" now in police custody *for fomenting rights*, charging Taiwan with making trouble, and blaming the Voice of America (but not the BBC) for exaggerating the dimensions of the protest.

The deputy chairman of the Education Commission has observed that certain wall posters have attacked party and state leaders, and "the people will draw their own conclusions." The students, for their part, have appealed personally to Deng, as a wall poster by a final-year mathematician put it, "because there are no other channels of expression left."

But Deng and his allies cannot be seen by their adversaries, who are now well out of the woodwork, to be sacrificing public order to "bourgeois liberalism." Only the Japanese news service, Kyodo, has reported that the Communist Party has now issued a circular to all branches on the subject of student demonstrations. The protest leaders are "vicious elements", the party alleges, ex-Red Guards who were despatched *to the countryside during the* Cultural Revolution and now intend to accelerate "the anti-government and anti-party tone of the demonstration." The party has now decided that "the student movement should no longer be ignored or allowed to go free."

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Spartan, intriguing – but so much red tape

The growing number of British students spending a year at a Chinese university soon realize they have to change more than their way of dressing and studying. College life today is incomparably freer than ten years ago, when Cultural Revolution discipline regulated everything from waking to bed time, but foreign students still have to make great *adjustments. A gate keeper tries to enforce the* regulation that all visitors must register. In the foreign students' building sits a concierge who monitors all visitors and attempts to enforce a 10 pm curfew.

The first post-Cultural Revolution British students in China arrived in 1973 to find that all lectures were compulsory, class struggle dominated the curriculum, and attempts to make Chinese friends were firmly suppressed. *Today, some students skip lectures to spend* their time teaching and working for the many businessmen who require occasional representation in China. Teaching methods are stiff and old-fashioned and quickly alienate students.

***On campus, the day starts early, with first* lectures at 7.30 or 8 am and lunch at 11.30. Almost all faculty and staff live on campus. Because of the recent relaxation, foreign students can now travel freely. Living conditions are spartan by British standards, but one or two students per room must appear *luxurious to the Chinese, for whom it is six or* eight. Foreign student hostels have telephones and separate canteens serving good food.**

Nowadays, some Chinese intellectuals are openly pro-Western and enjoy the company and privileges which accompany friendship with foreigners. For Western students it can be more instructive to spend time with stimulating open-minded friends outside the university than in stultifying language classes on campus. *There have been several marriages between* British students and Chinese.

Gone are the days when the foreign student body consisted mainly of Albanians, Vietnamese and Koreans. China's new warmth in relations with the US has brought dozens of exchanges with American campuses, and intense competition for places in the best universities. Tuition and living fees can rise suddenly without explanation, leaving the British, on fixed grants, at a distinct disadvantage compared to their wealthier German and North American fellow students.

Now that most universities in Britain which teach Chinese send students to China for a year of the undergradnate course, the idea that anyone wanting to study in China must be a convinced revolutionary has finally been laid to rest. Most British students return from China intrigued but disillusioned, feeling affection for Chinese friends but exasperation at the bureaucracy.

Beth McKillop

The author was an exchange student in Peking from 1975-77.

Digby Anderson

Baker's recipe for socialism

The activities of the Secretary of State for Education have been widely commented upon recently – especially his determination to impose a pay settlement on teachers *and local authorities and his* imposition of a state curriculum. Many parents will be relieved that someone has apparently had the energy and will to "sort out" the schools, their protracted disputes and the in-fighting of teachers' unions. *Political journalists talk* with respect of his political skills; indeed, some are already tipping Mr Baker as an eventual successor to Mrs Thatcher.

There is only one small point to add to all this immensely considered opinion: something which, as far as I know, has not been mentioned but may be of consequence: Mr Baker *is a socialist.* Whether or not socialists are good or bad is a matter of opinion. That he is one is a matter of fact. He is not a loony left socialist, but then many socialists aren't – or at least have not been. He is a socialist of the old school, favouring the collectivization and centralization of education under the political control of the state.

Some people call schools funded by the taxpayer "state schools". Mr Baker would, no doubt, correct them. Our schools are run not by the state but by local authorities. They are "council schools". Yet even *that is not quite right.* Mr Baker would be swift to point out that, although run largely by the councils, much of the funding comes from central government in grants to the local authorities. Thus the government spends taxpayers' money without being able to influence or account for that expenditure. If there is concern *about homosexual indoc*trination, peace studies, low levels of literacy, or teachers disrupting schools in furtherance of their pay claims, there is little, says Mr Baker, that he can currently do.

In fact, the government does already have some substantial controls. It is the Department of Education and Science, for example, which must take the credit or blame for the teachers we have because it is responsible for teacher training. But these and various other responsibilities Mr Baker laments as only "fleeting and fugitive powers".

Consequently, he plans to nationalize council schools, giving national politicians power to *match their financial liability.* He has already started to set up nationalized technology schools run directly by Westminster politicians and proposes to nationalize the curriculum and have teachers' pay and conditions settled by a national advisory committee which he will appoint. In short, he is pursuing a socialist education policy.

In response, he might reasonably explain that he is nationalizing *only so that he may, later,* devolve power. Schools will eventually be allowed to control more of their budget, for example. Perhaps they might be allowed to fix their own teachers' salaries and conditions of service. He is only a *socialist for the time being.* In the future, parts of his nationalized framework will – as Marx predicted of his own socialist framework – "wither away".

We shall have to wait and see, but the record of politicians giving up *power they have* acquired in education is not encouraging. And some might ask why, if his commitment to eventual parent power is as strong as his current commitment to state politicians' power, he has not already produced a scheme for handing back taxes to parents to enable them to buy education and bring the schools to heel with their wallets. That would be a politically irreversible shift of power. After two Conservative administrations mouthing the rhetoric of parental choice and power, we still have a situation where parents are coerced *into* sending their children to, and paying taxes to support, schools with appalling examination results and values on sexuality which those parents find repugnant.

The solution to that is not for some politician to award *himself* police powers to see into and control every classroom – even the most energetic of politicians will fail – but to help parents to gain access to the schools they want. Most parents do not wish to be involved in the minutiae of curriculum arrangements. They just want the elementary right to get out of bad schools and into good ones. Bureaucrats at the Education Department, far from working hard on the means to implement such a shift in power, have tried to oppose it and those who advocate it. It means, of course, a reduction in their own power. Why should such bureaucrats be given more power, and what chance is there of them giving up that power when Mr Baker decides it is withering time?

But whether his central apparatus will wither is not as crucial as how fast it will wither. Mr Baker is currently a hero of his party and of some parents, and the villain of the opposition. All three will prove to have been misguided if Mr Baker does not get a move on with the dismantling. For if ever an extremist Labour Party does achieve power, and the nationalized framework is still in place, that advisory board will be stuffed with very different nominees. The powers Mr Baker has set up to assure literacy and decency in schools will be available to assure whatever the extremists wish, be it homosexual education or anti-racist awareness. Mr Baker's socialism could provide the opportunity for all parents to enjoy the advantages of Brent.

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***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

Ne'er doot it, we're closed

I walked into an English branch of the NatWest bank on December 30 last year and said to the cashier: "I am spending Hogmanay in Scotland tomorrow. Can you tell me what days the banks will be closed in Scotland over the New Year?"

"I don't think it'll be any different from England" he said smugly. At least *our* branches in Scotland won't be closing."

Which only goes to show how little the English still know about the Scots. I have now come back from four or five days in Scotland, and I didn't see a bank open in all that time. Nor did I see a branch of the NatWest, closed *or open*; the cashier was presumably unaware that the NatWest has as few bases of operation in Scotland as the Tory party. All they have is a reciprocal arrangement with the Bank of Scotland; the arrangement is that while the NatWest stays open in England, the Bank of Scotland stays closed in Scotland.

Another reciprocal arrangement is that any letter posted in Scotland at the New Year will stay in Scotland for the foreseeable future. I arrived in Perth in time for lunch on New Year's Eve. I did not, however, arrive in time to post an *important letter*, as the first letter box I approached had a notice on it reading: "The last collection was made from here at 12.30 pm. The next one will be on January 3." I rushed to the main Perth post office to get my important letter posted. There was a notice on the post box there reading: "Same here, pal."

Scotland does quite firmly close down for the New Year. I had only once before seen Hogmanay in Scotland, and my strongest memory was of the absolute silence that reigns on January 1, which north of the border is known as Ne'er Day. On Ne'er Day even breathing seems to cease. You can go out at 9 am and hear not a car, not a child, not so much as a twig breaking. Even the birds seem to have hangovers on Ne'er Day.

I used to think that Ne'er was a description of the sound made by Scots people when they woke up on January 1, but I am now assured that it is simply a corruption of New Year – at any rate, the name is so well established that it is printed as such in the Scottish edition of the *Radio Times.*

Another well-kept secret tucked away in that magazine is a programme called *Scotch and Wry*, which goes out on television a bit before midnight on Hogmanay and is watched, as far as I can make out, by the entire population of Scotland. It stars Rikki Fulton in a series of rude, clever, funny and imaginative sketches, with never a kilt or a sprig of white heather in sight.

All the white heather rubbish, the Andy-Stewart-state-funeral kind of programme, the Stanley-Baxter-in-tons-of-make-up spectacular, is wished on to the English while the Scots keep Rikki Fulton to themselves. Canny folk.

By the time I watched Rikki Fulton I had already been to one good party, and was to go to another two or three before the night was out, so my memories of Hogmanay are about as helpful as the moment when you get the wrong photos back from the chemist.

Later, Ne'er Day dawned bright and early, but I wasn't awake to see it. No shops opened and no *trains ran.* Later still, when the blood had started running round my body again, I got into conversation with my cousin's young son, who is dead keen on cricket, and asked him if he had been following the Test series in Australia.

"Not really," he said.

"But surely, I mean, isn't it exciting to watch England beat Australia?"

"I can't see why," he said, with all the gravity of ten years. "After all, I have no English blood in me, but I do have some Australian blood."

Once again *I had made the* mistake of forgetting that the Scots are different from us, and that next to a Scottish victory in sport, the best thing for a Scotsman is an English defeat. My cousin himself, luckily, is too mature for that sort of thing and treats me very nearly as an equal.

"I must tell you," he told me this Hogmanay, "of a very good idea which I had at a recent roup."

"What's a roup?" I said.

"It's a Scottish word meaning a displenishment sale."

"What's a displenishment sale?"

He looked at me the same way his son had looked at me, handed me a Scottish dictionary and left me to do some research before I could be allowed to engage in further conversation.

(Tomorrow: My cousin's good idea based on a recent roup.)

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THE AFGHAN QUESTION

The arrival in Kabul yesterday of the Soviet Union's most senior foreign policy team — the foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, and the former ambassador to Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin — is a visible demonstration that movement may at last be afoot in the Soviet position on Afghanistan. The dispatch of so august a team is also, however, evidence that the Soviet Union's involvement in that country, and thus the fundamental problem, will continue.

On the credit side, the Soviet Union has at last publicly recognized that a Soviet *military* presence in Afghanistan is undesirable. Moscow has also seen that having its troops engaged in combat abroad is a foreign policy liability.

While the international opprobrium which greeted the invasion seven years ago, especially in the Islamic world, has abated somewhat, Afghanistan can still be held up as an example of the intrinsically aggressive nature of Soviet power. Conversely, a Soviet withdrawal — as the recent highly publicized, but very limited troop withdrawal has shown — can be presented as a token of Moscow's goodwill.

Some of these considerations may underlie the changes made and promised in Afghanistan over the same period. After the removal of Babrak Karmal from the leadership, his successor Dr Najib has stressed the importance of what he calls national reconciliation. Kabul has suddenly become receptive to new ideas. Islam, in particular, is no longer castigated as a hostile and reactionary force.

Private enterprise is tolerated. Even people hitherto regarded exclusively as traitors — those who have supported the mujahidin from abroad and those who participated in earlier governments in Kabul — are being called on to return and participate in the new Afghanistan.

The mistake would be to interpret these hopeful signals as anything more than that. They invite important questions: where have such changes sprung from, and what are they intended to achieve? Should the ceasefire proposal be seen as a recognition that a military solution is impossible, or purely as a propaganda manoeuvre? To what extent has it been necessitated by the introduction into the military reckoning of the new Stinger missiles being supplied to the mujahidin by the United States?

The value of the new missiles to the mujahidin is so far unclear. They are transported via the risky mountain mule route from Pakistan, and only about 100 are known to have reached the guerrillas. Those that have arrived have proved effective, but their use has barely penetrated beyond the immediate area of the border. Their military value has been less than their role as a morale booster.

If the arrival of the Stinger has influenced thinking in Moscow and Kabul about the wisdom of pursuing the guerrilla war in an already devastated country, then it has been a timely encouragement to the change of policy that was already in evidence in Moscow. Whether that change in policy or the new weapons can have any greater impact, however, depends on two factors: the attitude of Pakistan and the conduct of the guerrilla groups themselves.

Over the past few months Pakistan has appeared more receptive to the idea of an eventual settlement in Afghanistan than before. President Zia has compelling reasons for wanting a solution. The three million or more Afghan refugees in his country are a drain on the economy. They are also an unpopular cause within Pakistan, and disturbances in the North-West frontier region distract resources from unrest closer to the centre, in Karachi itself.

But the main obstacle to a settlement — in the event that the Soviet Union really did withdraw all its troops — remains the disunity of the mujahidin. For unless enough of them can agree among themselves to bargain terms for a new government of Afghan unity, any pressure they could exert will not be sufficient to prevent a Soviet puppet regime continuing in power in Kabul.

The provision of more Stinger missiles will help them to present a more credible military opposition, but unless they can also present a credible civilian face, their opposition to Soviet influence in Afghanistan is likely to fail. That will mean, in turn, that the value of Kabul regime's ceasefire and Moscow's sincerity in wanting a settlement will remain untested.

STILL IN THE SHADOWS

Mr Roy Hattersley in an interview at the weekend repeated his promise that a future Labour government would increase rates of tax on high earners to recoup the £3.6 billion by which he says they have benefited under Mrs Thatcher. When challenged to say how he would do this he quickly beat a diplomatic retreat saying it was not practice for either ministers or shadow-ministers to say exactly what they were going to do when they got the chance.

This attitude of "shan't tell" is bad enough in a Chancellor in the run-up to the Budget. In a shadow spokesman it begins to sound slightly ludicrous. If the voters are not to be let in on the secret of what their elected representatives intend to do in their names why should they vote for them?

Possibly Mr Hattersley could have got away with this formula if Labour policy in other respects was crystal clear. There is, after all, a strong possibility that if precise details of proposed tax changes are made known in advance, those of the very rich who are able and prepared to do so will take evasive action. They always have done in the past.

But Mr Hattersley is not in that happy position. Labour's policies are far from being so clear-cut that he can afford further ambiguity and evasion.

So far the Conservatives have had too much of the running on Labour's budgetary plans for Mr Hattersley's comfort. The figure of £28 billion pinned on the party's public spending plans by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury Mr John MacGregor has not been decisively shaken off. No doubt some commitments are much firmer than others, but so far there has not been much public indication of how priorities are ranked.

Where Mr Hattersley has been a bit more specific, as for instance in his plans for the first Budget of a Labour Government, there are many unanswered questions still left. The very basis on which the better off have benefited under the present Government is not clear. The proportion of tax paid by higher rate taxpayers has risen since 1979. There is also an unwelcome imprecision about the pledge to keep the general tax regime "more or less" unchanged.

Some of these matters may be sorted out at the shadow cabinet discussions tomorrow and Thursday at which Labour's spending priorities and its programme for defeating unemployment will be examined. There are welcome signs that the Labour leadership is anxious to reassure the country that its jobs programme amounts to more than simply taking on supernumerary staff to do non-jobs in local government and the nationalised industries.

But the most worrying aspect of Labour's plans is its tendency to view the economy in terms of a series of snapshots rather than a moving picture. Thus money "given away" to the better off is thought of in terms of a discrete sum which can "taken back" with nothing else changing. The economy is not like that. Distributional changes have strong incentive effects.

This, at least, is recognised in the Chancellor's remark in an interview yesterday that there may well be a need to bring down the top rate of income tax further. The contrast between the two approaches could hardly be greater. The greater clarity Mr Hattersley can supply on Labour's tax proposals the more credibility Labour's programme will have.

RIGHTS OF PASSAGE

The boat people of Vietnam filled the hearts and minds (and headlines) of the world when they first drifted hopefully into the South China Seas, fleeing from warfare, persecution and despair. They do not do so today, 10 years later, not so much because the Vietnamese government has softened its heart (which it has not), but rather because there are so few countries willing to give them permanent refuge.

The Hong Kong government is anxiously waiting to hear from the Home Office how many (if any) of the approximately 8,000 now living in camps in the colony, will be allowed into Britain this year. The announcement, when it comes, will guide many other countries in their own responses. It is a decision with far-reaching implications. In the 12 months which ended last autumn, this country took 500 and it would be harsh indeed for anyone to argue that the figure this time should be lower.

Should it, however, be higher? The most likely official answer is, no. There is reported to be a particular lack of enthusiasm from Downing Street, which can hardly look on extra immigration as an election-winning issue.

Those advocating generosity should be careful, however, to avoid complacency. In theory it would seem not unrealistic for this country to take all of them. But those now in Hong Kong represent a little over one-seventieth of the 550,000 boat people who have fled Vietnam since 1976 and a quarter of those who did so in 1986 alone. They are therefore one small part of a continuing, much bigger problem.

It is hard to find any Western democracy with the right combination of space, jobs and money to accommodate any more newcomers easily. Third World immigration of one kind or another has already created problems in most countries including our own — and the settlement of people from Vietnam has often brought local (though not insurmountable) difficulties. It is also possible that less scrupulous governments (Vietnam and Cuba have already set the precedent) will capitalize on the guilty conscience and goodwill of the West to force or encourage their less desirable residents to leave.

That Hong Kong needs help is inarguable. The tidal wave of illegal immigrants from the People's Republic of China continues to flow. More than 11,000 would-be entrants were apprehended in the first nine months of last year — more than in the whole of 1985 — and returned to the Chinese authorities on the border. Many of these were relatives of people living in the colony. What would be the effect if these saw Vietnamese boat people given jobs and homes and citizenship instead?

Hong Kong has tried to discourage the boat people by placing many of them in closed camps, from which they cannot wander or find work. Even so they keep coming — and to the colony's credit, none has been turned away. More than 60 per cent have been there for more than three years and 17 per cent for more than six. No answer has thus yet been found at a local level, which means that the questions must be taken up afresh by the wider world.

Britain should now be as generous as the Government feels it can be. But it should also take the initiative in promoting a more coherent international approach to this continuing human tragedy. The ultimate answer must lie in Vietnam, which has for too long deprived those it regards as politically suspect of the means to earn a living. But failing a change of heart there, governments should seek a more acceptable long-term strategy for resettling the homeless.

There are refugees too in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Some are victims of war, others of intolerant governments. They all deserve help and understanding. Sorting out the priorities might be too hard even for the major Western nations. But they will certainly not be settled satisfactorily without them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schools manifesto in dispute

From the Principal of Rawlins Community College

Sir, There are some sensible points in *Whose Schools? A Radical Manifesto* (report, December 29), though none of them radical. We all favour higher academic standards. No one with any sense can object to scrutinizing teaching and inspecting the inspectors. We are all against inefficiency, time-wasting bureaucracy and the intrusion into schools of extreme and damaging political ideologies.

When it comes to curriculum, the writers of *Whose Schools?* cause concern. Are they seriously questioning "curriculum reform" and "relevance"? Do they appreciate that the reason for reforming O and A level syllabuses was that they were *academically* unsatisfactory? Do they realise that their "tried and tested subjects" have been found wanting — by academics, teachers and industrialists.

The subjects exist through uncritical acceptance of past practice for which there exists no satisfactory rationale. Are they happy that schools, including the most prestigious, have produced generations of technological economic and political "illiterates"?

The curriculum has been reformed in order to make it more relevant to society's needs and the needs of its individual members, who will hopefully contribute more effectively to the task of regenerating our industrial technical complex, to the invigoration of our political and social institutions, to the development of our academic and cultural life. If the writers of *Whose Schools?* are against curriculum reform and relevance they are, whether they know it or not, against these aims. As teacher, businessman and taxpayer, I don't want my money squandered on irrelevant nonsense.

At this year's Headmasters' Conference, the military historian Correlli Barnett, in relating Britain's decline this century to its inadequate educational system, exhorted the assembled heads to drive a stake through the living corpse of Victorian education.

The writers of *Whose Schools?* are exhuming the corpse. If they succeed they will condemn us to certain continuing decline.

Yours faithfully,
MARK HEWLETT, Principal,
Rawlins Community College,
Quorn,
Leicestershire.
December 29.

From the Headmaster of The Skinners' School

Sir, Many of those concerned for the fortunes of children will be interested in the emerging Conservative policy for education reported on your front page on December 29. It will be ironical if that former Prime Minister who said that grammar schools would disappear over his dead body, now Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, is enabled to see in his lifetime that they survive.

For 21 years we have been led by pundits who believe that they can improve both education and society by taking to extremes one positive theory. For the next generation, progress may depend upon a willingness to draw from any available source, irrespective of the ideologies of educationists or politicians, whatever practice has proved helpful: thus it may be possible to preserve child-centred learning, especially for beginners, and discovery methods in moderation for those who can benefit.

During this same period it has been unfashionable to stress that reorganization was initiated, in Circular 10/65, by a call for a comprehensive system, not for an unrelieved series of comprehensive schools. Meanwhile, it has been part of the strength of the independent sector that there has been tacit agreement that a wide variety of provision is essential, in order to cater for all abilities and aptitudes, provided that the ideal of achievement is not abandoned.

The new initiative offers the possibility, however difficult for local authorities to administer, that each area should have a range of schools of different types and characteristics, so that in each the total system is broad enough to accommodate the variety of children's needs.

Yours sincerely,
G. W. TAYLOR, Headmaster,
The Skinners' School,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
December 30.

From Professor Conrad Russell

Sir, Reading Roger Scruton in today's edition (December 30), I react with a steadily growing anger against those Conservatives who, having belatedly realized that there is something wrong in the state of education, react with a most un-Burkeian determination to destroy those institutional continuities which still remain to us.

In supporters of a Government which has so persistently starved the educational system of funds this seems to be an example of what J. S. Mill called "the inability of the unanalytic mind to recognize its own handiwork". It is particularly sad that the point should need making to an employee of Birkbeck College.

It is not necessarily the case that everything wrong with the educational system is the result of shortage of money, but it is the case that until the effects of shortage of money have been isolated by cure we will have very little idea what is the result of shortage of money and what is not.

In particular, it is not possible at present to distinguish between the effects of comprehensivization and the effects of budget cutting. Meanwhile, Conservative proposals for "reform" in education invite the response: *timeo Danaos et dona ferentes.*

Yours faithfully,
CONRAD RUSSELL,
43 Streatley Road, NW6.
December 30.

Care in community

From the Chairman of Tunbridge Wells Health Authority

Sir, It is gratifying that Mr Berin Carter's letter (December 22) pays tribute to the excellence of Leybourne Grange Hospital, but it must be a matter of concern to your readers to learn that some patients who are now being discharged from the hospital as the authority goes ahead with its closure programme are having to be readmitted.

Mr Carter's tribute to the hospital's staff is well deserved, but it is their very care and professionalism that is the safeguard in finding the right placements for the residents who are slowly, but surely, making new lives outside Leybourne Grange Hospital.

It would be remarkable if all the first-time placements were straightaway successful, but inevitably some are not. Yet, of nearly 240 discharges since April, 1983, from Leybourne Grange and her sister hospital, Princess Christian's, only nine residents have had to return for reasons ranging from a placement being in the event unable to meet the resident's needs to a request for a return by the parents. The majority of placements work well and demonstrate that care and time and sensitive assessment of each resident's needs are essential.

On the broader issue of the closure of hospitals like Leybourne Grange, it has long been national policy that the quality of life for the mentally handicapped, however well they are cared for in the large hospitals, is better served in smaller home-like units, or in the community itself. Our aim is to give each resident, weighing carefully his or her needs, the right to lead an ordinary life by all appropriate means and a right to be treated as an individual.

This poses problems for those of us who have the responsibility of making this happen and we acknowledge the very real anxieties of relatives and many of the public; we must mutually support one another in what I believe is a task of such importance that its success will in the long run be a mirror to the real attitudes of a caring society.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN D. GRUGEON, Chairman,
Tunbridge Wells Health Authority,
Sherwood Park,
Pembury Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
December 23.

Reform of honours

From Mr Francis Dickinson

Sir, Mr Grigg suggests (December 27) that as the Order of the British Empire is now out of date, due to the contraction of the Empire, and is largely awarded for services at home, it should be replaced by the extension of the spheres of influence and award of the Orders of the Bath and of St Michael and St George.

In fact, the Order has done as he suggests — it has changed its function according to circumstances, widening its role to reward a larger range of services than any other Order.

The Order of the Bath, many centuries older, is so called because of the original ritual of bathing impurities away before admission to the Order, while that of St Michael and St George was founded in 1818 with a view to rewarding the services of the inhabitants of the Ionian Isles.

To recommend on historical grounds that either would be a suitable replacement for an already flexible Order of the British Empire seems contradictory and is neither constructive nor necessary.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS DICKINSON
(Orders and Medals Research Society, Member No 3278),
39 Lady Somerset Road, NW5.
December 27.

Aids and morals

From the Venerable F.C.Carpenter

Sir, Mr John Biffen (report, December 22) has urged the churches, as those "who seek to be the moral guardians and leaders", to make their voices known and effective in "persuading the changes that can somehow stabilize a terrifying situation" produced by the spread of Aids.

Mr Biffen is a reasonable, gently-spoken politician who, alone among leading Conservative MPs, recognised a year ago that *Faith in the City* had points worth noting and publicly said so.

When such a politician honestly calls for help, Christians must not merely look for reasons to deny it. What Mr Biffen may have in mind is the prophetic, rather than the moralistic, part of the churches' work. That includes denouncing sin and recalling people to right ways in obedience to God's will.

It may be that we (and I speak as a recently retired so-called dignitary) have been bad at doing either of these things. Certainly, by ceasing long since to rehearse the Ten Commandments in the normal course of worship, we have generalised sin and taken away criteria which, however antique in some details, had a cutting edge for Christians with easy consciences. We hate upsetting ourselves, even in our own interests.

The Church has three difficulties. One, is this fear of calling sin sin. Another, is the sad truth that although Moses and the prophets have been on the record for a long time, people like Dives, and perhaps those who now support private affluence without social responsibility, as well as the adulterers and fornicators of all shades of taste, will not be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The third difficulty is this: the Gospel is about forgiveness, grace and newness of life. And it is hard to combine calls to moral rectitude with this pastoral appeal.

Still, we must try. The Roman Catholic bishops have been blamed for taking a hard line, when all we were supposed to need was education in safe sex. The Church of England has been blamed for saying that chastity, like honesty, is the best policy. I doubt whether many lives have been changed in Earls Court by either sets of utterances; but we have to go on, unfashionably speaking of a more excellent way, and painfully trying to discover what it is ourselves, in matters sexual, financial, social and political, simply because of its rightness rather than its current expediency.

Yours faithfully,
F. C. CARPENTER,
Gilston,
Mount Pleasant,
Stopford, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
December 22.

East End poor — then and now

From the Reverend Paul E. Regan and others

Sir, Your paper carried a letter, dated Chrisimas Eve, 1859, from a clergyman in West Ham. He wrote about the poverty of his parishioners. He was concerned about poor drains, ill health and unemployment.

Today we write as clergymen working in the London borough of Newham, which includes West Ham. We are profoundly concerned that after so many years, and much progress, Newham is today the second poorest local government area in England.

Unemployment is touching 20 per cent. A very high proportion of people here depend on benefit payments. At least 16,000 private homes are in a state of disrepair. Council tower blocks, like Ronan Point, are now being pulled down. 120 others are under scrutiny.

We agree with your correspondent of 1859. People here "are not thieves, nor beggars, but simply poor in consequence of non-employment". There is surely something seriously wrong with an economic system which traps people in an area like West Ham and prevents genuine change.

In 1859 the docks were being created. Now that the docks have closed, an airport is being built by the London Dockland Development Corporation. The wealth created by the docks never came to this area. We question whether any wealth created by the new development will benefit the people of this area.

What is *not* a matter of question is that Newham Council has been deprived of millions of pounds in rate support grant in recent years. We understand that the contribution which our Government proposes to assist the second most deprived area in England is to rate-cap us.

Nobody in ther right mind wants high rates, but how else are we to pay for the education of our children, provide social services for the elderly and disabled and repair the housing stock?

To quote your 1859 correspondent,

At this holy season, when we are so touchingly reminded of Him who though He was rich yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich . . . I beseech the affluent in England to consider the righteous claims of my poor . . .

May we wish your readers a happy new year.

PAUL REGAN, TONY HOLDEN,
STEPHEN LOWE, RON SMITH,
COLIN MARCHANT, MAURICE PAUL, MARTIN WALLACE.
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East Ham, E6.
December 29.

An early election?

From Mr James Callaghan, MP for Cardiff South and Penarth (Labour)

Sir, May I correct two statements by your Political Editor in his article headed "Early election call by voters" (January 5). My memoirs, which will shortly be published, will show that I did not encourage expectations of an election in October, 1978 and then wait until 1979. Nor was there any adverse reaction.

On the contrary, according to the opinion polls, after I made the announcement that there would be no election in 1978 the standing of the Government actually improved.

The Government's decline later in the winter was the result of the excesses of a number of strikers who displayed an arrogant and unfeeling attitude towards the public in pursuit of their pay claims. This produced an understandable revulsion by the electorate which I shared and the whole of the trades union movement has paid heavily for this since 1979.

Yours etc,
JAMES CALLAGHAN,
House of Commons, SW1.

Nature's bounty

From Mr J. F. G. Smith

Sir, Regarding Mrs Raby's mushroom at Holland Park tube station (December 24) I would like to suggest that it might not have grown there if London Transport and their contractors had not taken such an unconscionable time in renewing the lifts.

Perhaps the repair period since April, 1985, now delayed to February, 1987, has given nature enough time to reassert her bounty.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. G. SMITH,
5 Napier Close,
Kensington, W14.
December 24.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 6 1886

The surrender of Mandalay led to the annexation of Upper Burma and to the end of the third Burmese war. The expedition had been deemed necessary because of the misrule of King Thebaw, whom The Times *described as a "sanguinary tyrant"*

THE CAPTURE OF MANDALAY

(From Our Special Correspondent)

MANDALAY, Dec. 1.

. . . At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when we were about 30 miles from Ava, and as we entered a wide reach of the river, some five miles in length, a boat, which glittered very brilliantly in the sun, was perceived in the far distance. In a few minutes it was ascertained to be a Royal barge carrying a flag of truce, and in a short time it came alongside General Prendergast's flagship. This Royal barge was a narrow boat of great length with an elevated stern, and pulling 22 oars on each side. It was gilded throughout and profusely ornamented. In the stern a Burmese national flag, made of cloth of gold, was flying. In the bow of the boat, on a sort of small platform, sat two white robed Burmese Ministers, under golden umbrellas, and near them three clerks or assistants. The Burmese Ministers announced that they had come as Envoys under a flag of truce, and brought a letter from the Mandalay Government. The Burmese Envoys were at once informed that no negotiations could take place except on the basis that the King should unconditionally surrender . . . The Burmese Envoys when informed of General Prendergast's decision became very depressed, and they urgently pleaded that some time should be given to the King to consider the terms. General Prendergast was inexorable on this point, and as he ascertained that the telegraph was open to Mandalay he insisted on the Burmese reply being delivered to him by 4 o'clock next morning. When the Burmese Envoys left the flagship, they asked to have their barge towed up the river by a Burmese steamer which had brought them down, and was then anchored close to our line of ships. General Prendergast refused to allow this, and the steamer was captured. She had a large number of soldiers on board and carried eight light guns. A good deal of discussion ensued on board the flagship as to whether this steamer was not protected by the flag of truce. Subsequent events, however, made the question one of little importance.

. . . When the leading ships had arrived within 2,500 yards of the forts and were about to open fire the barge with the Envoys appeared, flying a flag of truce; and within a few minutes it was known that the Burmese had accepted all General Prendergast's demands and surrendered unconditionally . . . the Burmese had held the forts and stockades and awaited an attack at close quarters, they would certainly have inflicted great loss on us before they could have been driven out. It is, perhaps, as well that they did not resist. The first of the forts on the eastern bank at Ava was by far the strongest Burmese fort. It is a square redoubt of considerable size, surrounded by a deep and wide ditch. The 2d and 3d Brigades were ordered to attack this position, and according to the orders issued by Colonel Bengough, Chief of General Prendergast's Staff, these brigades, under Generals Norman and White, would have advanced along a line which subsequent examination showed passed for a considerable distance through a large pond, or rather small lake, some 10ft deep.

. . . At length we landed and found the Burmese soldiers laying down their arms. There were about 2,000 of them. The soldiers who held the Ava forts formed part of Thebaw's regularly disciplined army . . . A large proportion of the men were armed with Martini rifles, the barrels and mechanism of which were of English manufacture, the stocks having been made at Mandalay. The men were in high spirits at not having been compelled to fight, and seemed only to be anxious to be allowed to go to their homes at once. I strolled along the banks among the Burmese soldiers in company with Colonel Laughton, the chief commissariat officer with the force. We were received with perfect civility. Colonel Laughton is a man of great stature, and his unusual height attracted much attention among the Burmese soldiers, and as we walked along numbers of them came and stood alongside of him and called their comrades' attention to the difference in their stature and that of Colonel Laughton. After a time, and when I was alone, I came on a body of about 200 Burmese soldiers who were preparing to march to the fort to lay down their arms. These men saw me using my binoculars, and a number of them came forward and asked me, by signs, to be allowed to look through them. I permitted them to do so, and they seemed greatly amused . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen has invited King Fahd, of Saudi Arabia, to pay a state visit to the United Kingdom from March 24 to 27.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will preside at the presentation ceremony at the Albert Hall on March 11.

Birthdays today

Major K.G. Adams, 67; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, 60; Sir Ashley Bramall, 71; Major-General Sir Hamish Campbell, 82; Sir Robert Clark, 63; Mr John Croft, 64; General Sir Martin Farndale, 58; Mr Barry John, 42; Mr P. J. Kavanagh, 56; Lord Plowden, 80; Miss Sylvia Sims, 53; Mr William Sirs, 67; Mr J.P. Sowden, 70; Sir Cecil Stafford-King-Harman, 92; Sir Andrew Urquhart, 69; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, 75.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Richard Stanley Barratt to be HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, in succession to Sir Lawrence Byford who will retire in March.

Luncheon

Coal Industry Society

Dr Wolfgang Seidel was the principal speaker at a luncheon of the Coal Industry Society held at the Park Lane Hotel yesterday. Mr Stephen Brewis was in the chair and Mr A.W. Ramsay also spoke.

Receptions

HM Government

Mr Ian Lang, Minister for Industry and Home Affairs at the Scottish Office, was host yesterday at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle for the Japanese business community in Scotland.

Hertford Society

Mr Derek Conran, chairman, and members of the Committee of the Hertford Society held a reception at Lincoln's Inn yesterday to mark the twenty fifth anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the society. Sir Nicholas Henderson, president, Mr A.S. Ashton and Mr W.S. Atkinson, vice-presidents, attended. Sir Geoffrey Warnock, Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, and Baroness Warnock and Viscount Tonypandy were the guests of the society.



Killer takes theology

William McCurrie (above), aged 28, a convicted Ulster Volunteer Force murderer who served almost 10 years in the Maze prison, has been accepted by Queen's University, Belfast as a theology student.

He was convicted in 1976 of killing a fellow member of the proscribed UVF. At 17, he was one of the youngest prisoners ever admitted to the Maze.

Released on licence last year, he is studying theology at the Irish Baptist College at Knock in suburban Belfast, and at Queen's, where he attends two lectures a week.

Mr McCurrie said: "The murder is something I have to live with every day of my life. I had already come to terms with it before I became a Christian, and had realized long before that nothing justifies the taking of human life".

Forthcoming marriages

The Earl of Macduff and Miss C.A. Bunting
The engagement is announced between David, only son of the Duke of Fife and the Hon Lady Worsley, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Bunting.

Mr J.P. Atkins and Miss J.M. Firullo
The engagement is announced between John Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Atkins, of Pulborough, Sussex, and Jill Maria, youngest daughter of Mrs V. Firullo, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr R.J.A. Barton and Miss V.C.D. Petty
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Brigadier F.G. Barton, CBE, and Mrs Barton, of Oxted, Surrey, and Vanessa, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs R.E. Petty, of Taunton, Somerset.

Mr K.R. Beck and Miss M.J. Cook
The engagement is announced between Kenneth, only son of Mrs J. Beck, of Ealing, and Mr K. Beck, of Keighley, Yorkshire, and Melanie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Cook, of Welwyn Garden City.

Mr T.G.C. Berridge and Miss F.J. Waters
The engagement is announced between Toby, youngest son of Mr R.G.M. Berridge, of Exmouth, Devon, and Mrs R.A. Hitchcock, of Hawkedon, Suffolk, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Waters, of Poole, Dorset.

Dr S.L. Burt and Miss W.E. Hayes
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs K. Burt, of Churley, Lancashire, and Wendy, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Hayes, of Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr A.M. Carmichael and Miss K.J. Eastham
The engagement is announced between Alexander Morrison, only son of Mr and Mrs Alexander C. Carmichael, of The Oa, Islay, and Kathryn Jane, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs John F. Eastham, of Claverton, Bath.

Mr M.P. Cornelius and Miss M.A. Verney
The engagement is announced between Marc Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Cornelius, of Canterbury, Kent, and Mary Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.M. Verney, of South Molton, Devon.

Mr J.A. Elliot and Miss S.L. Clarke
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Elliot, of Barnstaple, Devon, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Clarke, of Broad Town, Wiltshire.

Mr M. Everett and Miss S. Bragge
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Everett, of Epsom, Surrey, and Sara, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Edward Bragge, of Petworth, West Sussex.

Mr C.J. Farrar-Bell and Miss S. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs M.C. Farrar-Bell, of Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Canon and Mrs A.M.J. Wilson, of Preston, Rutland.

Mr H.E.C. Godman and Miss S.A. Willans
The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Godman, of Great Rissington Manor, Gloucestershire, and Sally, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Willans, of Portland Lodge, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Mr A.F. Howell and Miss R.A. Broad
The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr and Mrs K.F. Howell, of Bickley, Kent, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Broad, of Cyncoed, Cardiff.

Mr M.R. Jennings and Miss J.M. Dakin
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Jennings, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Dakin, of Cambridge.

Mr I.T.C. Kempster and Miss B.J. Pike
The engagement is announced between Toby, youngest son of Mr Justice and Mrs M.E.I. Kempster, of Hong Kong, and Beverley, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Pike, of Heath, Cardiff.

The Rev J. Kiddle and Ms R.M. Harden
The engagement is announced between John, son of the Rev Peter Kiddle and Mrs Kiddle, of Worthing, Sussex, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.L. Harden, of Woking, Surrey.

The Rev C.R. Lansdale and Miss L.M. Grace
The engagement is announced between Charles Roderick, only son of the late Major R.S. Lansdale, RM, of Estancia, South Africa, and the late Mrs R.H. Lansdale, of Plymouth, Devon, and Linda May, youngest daughter of the late Mr J. Grace and Mrs M. Buck, of London, SE6.

Mr M.D.P. Lewis and Miss C.T. Beusted
The engagement is announced between Merlin, elder son of Lieutenant-Commander B.L. Lewis, RN, retd, and Mrs Lewis, of Patience Close, Steventon, Hampshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H.A. Bensted, of Copton Manor, Faversham, Kent.

Mr S.D. McCulloch and Miss P.A. Brimyard
The engagement is announced between Stewart, elder son of the late Mr Thomas McCulloch and of Mrs Anne Paimey Johns, of Greasby, Wirral, and Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Brimyard, of Lower Heswall, Wirral.

Mr A.J.W. McNulty and Miss J.P. Moylan
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Captain and Mrs J.P. McNulty, of Worcester Park, Surrey, and Walmer, Kent, and Jane, elder daughter of Colonel E.W.P. Moylan, of Canterbury, and Mrs P. McConnell, of Shottenden, Kent.

Mr M.A.B. Moore and Miss C.L. Phillips
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr Reginald Moore, of London, W12, and of Mrs Harry Saxby, of Ryme Intrinseca, Sherborne, Dorset, and Louisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Phillips, of Penrheol, Clyro, Hereford.

Dr J.P. O'Dwyer and Dr J.A. Pateman
The engagement is announced between Joe, son of Professor and Mrs E. O'Dwyer, of Galway, Republic of Ireland, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Pateman, of Midhurst, West Sussex.

Mr G.P. Sanders and Miss Z.C. Bates
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey F. Sanders, of Wareham, Dorset, and Zena, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin C. Bates, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr J.M. Sinclair and Dr P.M. Williams
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Raper, of Bredon, Worcestershire, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs V.L. Williams, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr C.E.C. Sykes and Miss A.C. Matthey
The engagement is announced between Edmund, eldest son of Mr John Sykes, of Bickton Manor, Fordingbridge, and Mrs Philippine Sykes, of London, SW1, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Matthey, of Snowshill House, Fifield, Milton under Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.S. Tennant and Miss S.J. Berner
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Tennant, of Britwell Priors, Longparish, and Sally, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Berner, of 80 Church Road, Wimbledon.

Mr J.J. Thompson and Miss K. Wallersteiner
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of Canon and Mrs D.F. Thompson, of Adel, Leeds, and Katharina, second daughter of Dr W.K.S. Wallersteiner, of Vancouver, Canada, and Ms A. Deichqraber, of Königstein, Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr M.G. Turner and Miss C.S. Bullock
The engagement is announced between Mark George, son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Turner, of Kendal, Cumbria, and Caroline Sophia, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Bullock, of Twickenham, formerley of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.L Zorab and Miss A.G. Skinner
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs Phillip Zorab and the late Dr Phillip Zorab, of Goldenhill, Chepstow, and Georgina, daughter of Mrs David Skinner and the late Mr D.Q. Skinner, of Heron Court, Hawkhurst.

OBITUARY

MR DONALD FLEMING

Canadian who was first chairman of OECD

The Hon. Donald Fleming, PC (Canada), QC (Ontario), astute and competent Canadian politician, who represented his country with distinction on the world stage, died on New Year's Eve. He was 81.

Donald Methuen Fleming was born at Galt, Ontario, on May 23, 1905, the son of a schoolteacher. He was raised in a strict home, was accustomed to hard work, and engaged in sports including wrestling.

He was educated at Toronto University, where he was an outstanding student, winning three academic medals and six scholarships. He then studied law at Osgoode Hall Law School, graduating in 1928 with further honours.

That year he was called to the Bar, and practised with a Toronto law firm. When he was 21 he began to assist Conservative candidates in election campaigns. In 1937 he was elected to the Toronto board of education, and the following year to the city council.

But in 1945 he abandoned municipal politics, when he was elected to the Federal Parliament as Progressive Conservative MP for Eglinton.

He took silk in 1954, but after the Conservative victory of 1957, when he was appointed Minister of Finance and Receiver-General, he devoted himself still more to politics. He held both posts until 1962 when he was made Attorney-General.

In 1956, during a debate on controversial gas pipeline legislation, he was suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting of the Commons for challenging a ruling by the Speaker. Because of his respect for parliamentary institutions, he called the incident his darkest hour.

In 1960, during the so-called "Dillon" meeting in Paris, when the foundations of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development were being discussed, Fleming played an important part in reconciling the United States, Britain and the Common Market countries. The following year he was elected first chairman of OECD, and was re-elected to the post in 1962.

He spoke critically of Britain's possible entry of the Common Market, which he saw as a threat to the interests of the Commonwealth. A visit to London in 1961, when he met Macmillan and Sandys (Commonwealth Relations Secretary), did nothing to assuage his fears. The Canadian Government, he declared, was being kept in the dark.

He retired from public life in 1963 and made his home in the Bahamas. He published a number of books, including *Negligence, Waters and Water Courses, Street Railways* and *Malicious Prosecutions*.

Fleming was a combative politician, with the gift of indignation. He gave an impression of vigour, and in government was a tireless debater, ever ready to engage in hard exchanges with opponents. As Finance Minister he was careful in spending taxpayers' money, an approach which did the government no harm.

While some colleagues found him inflexible and humourless, his companions on the golf course and tennis court found him congenial.

He was proud of his ancestry which, he claimed, was Irish, Scottish, French (in which language he was reasonably fluent) and English. For many years he was a respected voice of Canada in international affairs.

He regarded religion as the vital factor in his life. He was an elder and Sunday School superintendent at Bloor Street United Church in Toronto. For 20 years he was head of a Bible club for businessmen, which met weekly for reading and study. He was a strict teetotaller and, in his university days, warned his companions against drinking.

He married, in 1933, Alice Mildred Watson. She survives him with their daughter and two sons.

SIR IAN MACLENNAN

Sir Ian Maclennan, KCMG, diplomat, died on Christmas Day. He was 77.

Ian Morrison Ross Maclennan was born in Glasgow on October 30, 1909. The family moved to Hull and he was educated there at Hymers College, from which he won a classical scholarship to Worcester College, Oxford.

He took a first in Modern Greats and then, in 1933, joined the Colonial Office. Four years later he was transferred to the Dominions Office, in preparation for a posting to Ottawa in 1938. Thus began a career which, apart from two short spells at home, kept him abroad until his retirement.

After a posting to South Africa in 1945, his first assignment as head of mission came in 1951, when he was appointed, at the young age of 42, the first British High Commissioner in Southern Rhodesia.

Relations with both the governor and the government there could have been delicate, but Maclennan acquired the trust of Sir Godfrey Huggins and his successors as prime minister.

After the protracted negotiations which led to the creation of the ill-fated federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1953, Maclennan became High Commissioner to the Federation and rapidly got on to a good footing with its leaders, as he had with Southern Rhodesian leaders.

In 1955 he returned briefly to London as an assistant under-secretary of state, but he was on the move again within two years. He once more broke new ground by being sent as the first High Commissioner to the newly independent state of Ghana.

Here again his task was to build up a new office, to establish the closest possible relations with Nkrumah and his associates, and to help British interests adjust to the new Ghana.

He stayed in Ghana until 1960, when he was appointed Ambassador in Dublin. In those days, before the latest Ulster emergency began, there was not a serious security problem, and he was able to enjoy to the full the country's many social and sporting amenities.

In 1964 he was transferred across the world to New Zealand. The bonds of history, which in Dublin created friction, in New Zealand cemented close friendship, though the prospect of British entry into the Common Market led to much discussion between the two governments. He remained there until his retirement in 1969.

To all his posts, but particularly to the four in which he served as head of mission, Maclennan brought a finely tuned mind and a meticulous attention to detail.

His hair had turned silver at an early age, adding an air of *gravitas*, but thereafter his appearance did not change with advancing years. Until his last, brief illness he remained a good golfer and tennis player.

But his principal joy was in long-distance running. In England, he was an active member of the Thames Hare and Hounds. Overseas, he was a frequent participant in runs, often anonymously.

In retirement he acquired new interests, pre-eminent among which was archaeology. He took, with exceptional honours, an extra-mural diploma in the subject at the University of London; and then set to work to put into practice what he had learnt.

Systematic as always, he catalogued Roman names on inscriptions and pottery at the Museum of London, thus laying a basis for research by others. He also did archaeological work in Italy, a country for which he developed a strong affection.

He was, for ten years, on the General Advisory Council of the IBA, for several of these as chairman. He was also for many years a prison visitor.

He married, in 1936, Margherita (Peggy) Jarratt, who survives him with their son and daughter.

PROFESSOR CYRIL POLSON

Professor Cyril Polson, forensic scientist, whose work did much to establish the subject in this country, died on New Year's Eve. He was 85.

Cyril John Polson was born on November 9, 1901, the son of a doctor. He was educated at Wrekin College, Shropshire, and Birmingham University, where he graduated in 1924.

The following year he went as a demonstrator in pathology to Manchester University, and in 1927 became a junior pathologist at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Apart from these few years in that city, he spent the whole of his career in Leeds, where he was appointed university lecturer in pathology in 1928. He rapidly achieved a high reputation for his scrupulous post-mortem technique and for his comprehensive and clear reports.

He was called to the Bar in the Inner Temple in 1940, and was thereby suitably equipped for his increasing involvement in medico-legal activities.

In 1947 he was appointed Professor of Forensic Medicine at Leeds University, a post he held until his retirement in 1969. Although there was already a professorship, it had hitherto been a part-time post, and there was no department. Polson therefore had to start from scratch. His initial staff consisted of one technician and one secretary, lodged in a house in Hyde Terrace.

From this small beginning developed a department which is now one of the leading centres of forensic medicine in the country. He also set up a comprehensive legal-medicine course for law, dental and medical students, and for the police.

As the department grew, Polson was able to provide a service for the coroners of Yorkshire, and for the Home Office, which in return provided much material for the museum that he set up. His keen personal interest in photography was given free scope.

Although primarily a pathologist, Polson never allowed his department to become merely one of forensic medicine. He covered a wide field, and was able to adapt the subject to the special interests of each of his audiences.

His reputation was international, and his department attracted postgraduates from all over the world, especially Scandinavia and the Far East. He was a corresponding member of the French Society of Legal Medicine, and vice-president of the second international meeting of forensic medicine, held in New York in 1960.

The hard work he put in over the years to place, and keep, forensic medicine on the academic map (one of the most frustrating jobs in a country such as Britain, which refuses to recognize the vital importance of subject) was acknowledged by his peers when they re-elected him to an unprecedented third year as president of the British Association in Forensic Medicine.

He was also, in 1964, a founder fellow of the College of Pathologists (now Royal College of Pathologists).

Polson was not a public figure. He was, however, senior pathologist in the original investigation of the Moors case. He was conscious of the responsibility of being an expert witness in court, and carefully weighed all the evidence before making any pronouncement.

Scholarship was his strength. His many writings include three textbooks which rapidly became standard works on the subject: *Essentials of Forensic Medicine, Clinical Toxicology* and *Disposal of the Dead*. All bear his trademarks of practicality, clarity and conciseness.

Polson was a compassionate man, with a dry sense of humour. In retirement, he turned his camera on church architecture, particularly fonts, on which he had a fine photographic record and lectured widely. He was a knowledgeable gardener, a collector of antique silver, and good at needlework. In addition, he was an ardent supporter, and for many years chairman, of his local Gilbert and Sullivan society.

His first wife, Mary Tordoff, died in 1961. He married, two years later, Mary Pullan, herself a doctor, who survives him with a daughter of the first marriage.

HEATHER ANGEL

Heather Angel, British-born actress who became a Hollywood star in the 1930s, has died at Santa Barbara, California. She was 77.

A player of delicate charm, her best part was as the eighteenth century heroine of the romantic fantasy, *Berkeley Square*, opposite Leslie Howard, in which she affected a striking blonde wig.

Other notable films were *The Informer*, John Ford's Oscar-winning story of betrayal during the Irish troubles, and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, a Dickens adaptation.

She was born at Oxford on February 9, 1909, daughter of a chemistry don, who died heroically trying to save people in the Silvertown munitions factory explosion in January 1917.

She was educated at Wycombe Abbey, trained for the stage in London, and made her first professional appearance at the Old Vic when she was 17. Her film début was in *City of Song* in 1930 and after other British pictures, including *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, she went to Hollywood.

Her first American film was John Ford's *Pilgrimage* in 1933, and for five years she was a leading actress with the Fox studio. When Fox signed another actress from the British cinema, Madeleine Carroll, Heather Angel's contract was not renewed.

After this her career declined, though she was in several Bulldog Drummond pictures and had supporting roles in the 1940 version of *Pride and Prejudice* and two Hitchcock films, *Suspicion* and *Lifeboat*. She was the voice of Mrs Darling in the 1953 Disney cartoon of *Peter Pan*, and on television she played the housekeeper in *Peyton Place*.

In 1970 she was present when her third husband, the film director Robert B. Sinclair, was stabbed to death by an intruder at their home in California. Her previous marriages, to the actors Henry Wilcoxon and Ralph Forbes, were dissolved.

Clifton College

Lent Term at Clifton College begins today. A.T. Ray (School House) is head of school and D.A.S. MacLaren (Watson's House) second head of school. Tests and interviews for sixth form entrance scholarships for boys and girls will be held on Saturday, February 21. The closing date for applications is January 31. Confirmation by the Bishop of Bristol will be on Sunday, March 1. A performance of Verdi's *Requiem* will be given at the Colston Hall on Tuesday, March 24. A French production of *Les Precieuses Ridicules* by Moliere and *La Vie en Rose* by Armand Salacrou will be performed on March 17 and 18. Exeat is from February 15 to 18 (inclusive) and the term ends on March 27. The OC reunion, for those born between 1949 and 1955, will be held on *May 9 and 10*.

Friern Barnet Grammar School

Spring Term starts today. Marco Corradi continues as senior prefect. Mr Robert Gordon joins the academic staff. The entrance examination for boys wishing to join the school at age eleven in September 1987 is on January 9. The house cross-country finals will be run on March 25 at the Dale Green Road sports ground. Term ends at noon on March 27.

Kent College Canterbury

Term starts today at Kent College and ends on Friday, April 3. Sarah Henn and Christopher Molloy continue as head girl and head boy. Vicky Brice and Rupert Ticehurst are captains of hockey. The entrance examination takes place on Thursday, February 5. *Academic scholarships and music* scholarships are available for boarders and day pupils, together with fee-paying places. Twelve assisted places are also available and bursaries are offered for children in boarding need. The *Messiah* will be performed in the Cathedral on Friday, March 6. The Old Canterburians' hockey reunion and evening service are on Sunday, March 29.

St Dunstan's College

Lent Term at St Dunstan's College begins today and ends on Friday, March 27, exeat being from February 21 to 25. Matthew Smith is head of school. Productions by the dramatic society of *The Government Inspector* will be on March 5, 6 and 7, and the preparatory department's production of *Spielzeuge* will be on March 24 and 25. The entrance and scholarship *examinations will take place on* Tuesday, February 3.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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Ephesians 2 : 10

BIRTHS

BARROWCLIFF - see Carter.

BIRKS - On December 30th 1986, to Judith (née Rhodes) and Christopher, a son, Daniel Peter.

BOYLE - On December 30th, to Annabel (née Pitt) and Gerry, a daughter, Charlotte Mary, a sister to Felicity.

CARTER - On December 31st, at the West London Hospital, to Georgiana (née Barrowcliff) and Robert, a daughter, a sister for Joseph.

DAVID - On December 22nd 1986, to Judith (née Maynard) and Jonathan, a son Henry Oscar.

EDGLES - On January 2nd, in Bristol to Claire (née Seddon) and William, a son, Peter.

FLYNN - On January 2nd 1987 at The Liverpool Maternity Hospital, to Naomi (née Keen) and Barry, a daughter, Hannah Beatrice.

GARRETT - On December 30th 1986, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Alison (née Goffe) and Bruce, a son, Edward Noel Sherwood, a brother for Thomas and Robert.

HOUGHTON - On January 3rd, to Julie (née Wright) and David, a second daughter, Rebecca, a sister for Nicola.

HOWLETT - On December 30th, to Bren (née Edgley) and Mike, a son, Christopher (A.K.A. Kit).

JACKSON - On New Year's Day 1987, at Newmarket, to Elizabeth and William, a daughter, Holly Louise, sister to Alexandra and Nicholas.

MARRON - On December 24th 1986, to Jane-Marie, a son, Thomas Harry.

McDONALD - On December 30th, to Ailsa (née Price) and Strachan, a second daughter Iona.

MILES - On January 4th, at Kings' College Hospital, London, to Sarah (née Ward) and Martin, a daughter, Emily Louise May.

MILLS - On 2nd January 1987, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Patricia (née Fowlie) and Edward, a son, James William George.

MOLYNEUX - On December 31st, to Judith (née Sampson) and Andrew, a daughter Chloe Arabella, a sister for Adam and Daniel

MONTGOMERY - On December 30th 1986, to Martine and David, a daughter, Marissa Venetia.

NEWSHAM - On January 3rd 1987, to Mary (née Gibb) and Geoffrey, a daughter.

NEWSOM - On December 11th 1986, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Jilly (née Woodcock) and William, of 21 Lansdowne Gardens, a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Alethea.

PARTINGTON - On January 3rd, at West Cumberland Hospital to Bridget (née Hodgson) and Andrew, a daughter Henrietta Jane Hodgson.

SMITH - On December 31st 1986, to Celia (née Stocker) and Lynford, a son, Simon James Lynford.

STEVENS - On January 1st, at Lister Hospital, Stevenage, to Susanne (née Low) and Richard, a daughter, Jessica Jane Lancefield, sister for Cressida.

WILSON - On January 4th 1987, at Northwick Park Hospital to Hazel (née D'Souza) and Bernard a son, Mark Damien Stuart, a brother for Nicole.

MARRIAGES

GERON:BAGENAL - On 20th December 1986, in Kendal, between Scott Geron of Chicago and Caroline Bagenal.

OLIVER:JONES - On 3rd January 1987, quietly in London, the Right Hon. Lord Oliver of Aylmerton to Wendy Anna, widow of the late I. Lewis Lloyd Jones.

DEATHS

BOMFORD - On January 4th 1987, peacefully at home, Phyllis Mary, widow of the late James F. Bomford of Spring Hill, near Pershore. Cremation private. Memorial Service to be held at Fladbury Church on Wednesday January 14th at 2 pm. No flowers. Donations to Dr. Frankton: The Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, c/o The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Account number GL802.

BROADFOOT - On January 4th 1987, Lt Col Tom, beloved husband of Pam and father of Hugo and Sarah. Cremation 2.30pm on Thursday 8th January, at Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Topsham Road, Exeter. Family only. No flowers please.

BROWNE - On January 1st 1987, peacefully in hospital, Frank Browne F.R.E.S., in his 80th year, of Twickenham, Middlesex. Beloved husband of Phyllis. Cremation at Putney Vale on Friday January 9th at 9am. Flowers and enquiries to T H Sanders and Sons Ltd. 1a Upper Ham Road, Ham Common, Ham, Surrey. 01 549 8967.

CHIVERS - On January 3rd, peacefully, Hilda, aged 90, beloved friend and nanny to the Urquharts of Craigston for over 50 years.

CLOSE - On January 1st, in a plane crash in Kenya, Judith, beloved daughter of Hazel and sister of Caroline.

DENNY - On January 2nd 1987, peacefully at Acland Hospital, after a short illness, Bob Denny O.B.E., B.Sc. aged 60. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Friday January 9th at 11.15am. No flowers but donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

EVANS - On January 2nd 1987, peacefully at home, Major General Henry Holland Evans, aged 72. Husband of Norah, father of Richard and Josephine. The funeral will take place at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday 7th January at 10.30am. All enquiries please to F.A. Holland and Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton. Telephone Littlehampton 713939.

FENWICK - On January 4th, peacefully, May Fenwick of Embleton Hall, Longframlington, Northumberland, aged 80. Funeral 11.00 am Thursday 8th of January at St Mary's Church, Longframlington. Family flowers only, donations to Coquetdale Cottage Hospital, Rothbury.

FLETCHER - On January 2nd 1987, John Raymond, suddenly at his home, The Barn, Holcombe Rogus, Wellington, Somerset. Funeral 2pm Friday 9th January at All Saints, Holcombe Rogus. Family flowers only. Donations to the British Heart Foundation.

FORD - On January 1st 1987, Suddenly Hugh Dermot, much loved father of Rosie & Rupert, husband of Anne and stepfather. Funeral service at Richmond Parish Church, Red Lion Street, Richmond, Surrey. On Friday 9th January, 1987 at 11.45 am, followed by burial.

FORRESTER - On January 2nd 1987, peacefully in an Edinburgh nursing home, Sybil, aged 84. Beloved wife of the late Sandy Forrester and dearest mother of Shirley and Malcolm. Sadly missed by all the family. A service will take place today at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh at 1.15pm. Donations to National Trust for Scotland.

GIBSON - On January 1st 1987, after a brave battle against cancer, Geoffrey, beloved husband of Anne-Marie and loving father of Robert, Clemency and Alexander and brother of Clement and Thomas. Funeral at 12 noon January 15th at Holy Trinity Brompton. Family flowers only, donations to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, in tribute to their care.

GRACE - On New Years Eve, peacefully at Middlesex Hospital, after a long illness, bravely borne, Robert Frank Grace. Funeral will be held in the West Chapel of Golders Green Crematorium at 4.30pm, on Wednesday January 7th 1987. Flowers may be sent to W. Garstin Ltd, 10 Chiltern Street, W1, by 12 noon.

HIGSON - On January 3rd 1987, peacefully in Worthing Hospital, Silvanie Dorothy Augusta, aged 83 years, beloved wife of the late Lieutenant Colonel Frank Higson OBE, loved sister of the late Leslie Buckman and beloved aunt and great aunt. All enquiries to Jordan and Cook, 2 Sompting Road, Worthing, West Sussex. Tel 0903 32702.

HOLLOWAY - On January 2nd, after a short illness, Dr Roland David Holloway, beloved husband of the late Nancy, dearly loved father of Sue, Richard, Edward and James and much loved by his ten grandchildren, of The Coach House, Midgham Park, near Reading. Cremation private but a Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday January 14th at St Matthews Church, Midgham, at 2.30pm. No flowers please but donations in aid of The Midgham Sue Ryder Support Group may be sent to The National Westminster Bank, 4 High st, Thatcham, Berks.

LAWRENCE-WILSON - On December 22nd 1986, suddenly in Temecula, Harry Lawrence, aged 66, loving and much beloved husband of Janet, father of Richard, Patricia and Christopher. Funeral has already taken place.

LEIGH - On January 4th 1987, at Soliejon Letcombe Regis, Wantage, Oxfordshire, Claude Guy, the very dear wife of the late Claude Leigh and loving daughter of the late Richard and Ann Lattimore of Manchester. Cremation (attendance by family and very near friends only requested) to be preceded by a Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Childrey, Wantage, Oxfordshire at 2 pm on Friday 9th January 1987. No flowers - donations in lieu, to Pryce & Co Solicitors, 6 East St Helens Street, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, for The Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Reigate, Surrey.

LONSEY - On 28th December 1986, suddenly in Addis Ababa, Catherine Monica, aged 17 years, beloved daughter of Barbara and Basil and sister of Bernadette, Bruno, Albert, Anne-Marie, Ambrose, Sarah, Clare and Veronica. Requiem mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Crowborough on Thursday January 8th at 11.00am, followed by interment at Haywards Health Cemetery. R.I.P.

LUNN - On January 2nd 1987, in hospital, Ernest Lunn, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Edin), surrounded by his family. Cremation to take place at Golders Green Crematorium, at East Chapel on January 6th at 12.20pm.

LUTYENS - On January 2nd 1987, peacefully, Annette, widow of the late Edred Lutyens, mother of Charles and Anthony. Funeral Service St Peter and St Paul Church, Hambledon on January 12th 1987 at 12.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

MAKOWER - On January 3rd 1987, suddenly at home, Kathleen (Kate) Makower O.B.E. sister of John, dear Aunt and Great Aunt. Funeral 2.30pm, Thursday 8th January, at Shiplake Parish Church.

MARTIN - On January 4th, at Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich after a sudden, unexpected illness, John William (Jack). Adored husband of the late Gertrude and much loved father of Jacqueline, Lester and Pauline. Devoted grandfather of Jane, Mark, Claudia and Oscar. Thanks giving service and burial on Friday 9th January 11.am at Chislehurst Cemetery, Beaverwood Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

NICHOLS - on December 30th, Joan Mary late of Park Road, East Grinstead, peacfully at Crawley Hospital. Funeral Service took place at Worth Crematorium on Monday January 5th. Enquiries to F. Brinkhurst & Son Tel 0342 23092

PEERLESS - On January 4th, peacefully in St. Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, Trevor John aged 51 years. Husband of Penny Ann and father of Bart and Clare. Funeral service to take place at Danehill Parish Church, Sussex on Saturday 10th January at 11am. Followed by interment in the Cemetery. Flowers or donations to St. Catherine's Hospice c/o Cooper & Son, Rose Cottage, New Town, Uckfield, Sussex. Tel: 0825-3765.

PHILLIPS - On January 4th, at Brightwood, Wilmington, W. Alastair P. Phillips, aged 63, beloved husband of Thelma and loving father of Hamish and Andrew. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday January 8th at 12.30pm.

PICKLE - On January 4th 1987, suddenly after a long illness, borne with characteristic dignity and courage, John Hale, F.I.P.M. Very dearly loved, devoted and loving husband of Sonia and father of Sarah, Katherine and Andrew and grandfather of Emma, Lucy and Louise. Greatly admired, respected and loved father-in-law of Kevin Peddle Hobbs and Jimmy Carter. Private cremation. Memorial service to be arranged. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Motor Neurone Disease Association, 61 Derngate, Northampton. NN1 1UE.

ROPER - On December 30th 1986 after an illness bravely borne at his home Chilson, Oxfordshire, John Philip William aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Lorna, much loved father of Simon, Jane, Giles and Felix. Funeral service private. Donations if desired to The Cancer Research Campaign.

RUTHERFORD - On Sunday January 4th 1987, at The Laurels, Bromesberrow, Pamela Mary Franças aged 74, formerly of Woodleigh, The Park, Cheltenham. Widow of Captain Richard Nigel James Rutherford, much loved mother of Elizabeth and grandmother of Nigel and Lucinda. Funeral service at St Mary's, Hasfield, at 11.15 am, on Friday January 9th, followed by cremation at Cheltenham at 12.30 pm. Enquiries F. B. Hawcun Funeral Directors Ledbury 2084.

SHAW - On January 2nd, peacefully at Sussex House Nursing Home, Victor Ramsden, beloved father of David and Gwenda, and grandfather of Melissa, Jason and Tristan. Cremation at 12.30, 12th January, Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth. Family flowers only, but donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, C/O Francis Chappell Funeral Service, 13 South Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Tel: 0444 412765.

SIMS - On January 4th, Barbara Hannah Sims, aged 71. Dearly loved wife of the late Rev Basil H. Sims and mother of Andrew, Alison and Kate. Funeral Service Redland Park United Reformed Church, Whiteladies Road, Bristol. Friday 9th January at 2.45 pm, thereafter at Canford Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Peter's Hospice, St Agnes Avenue, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2DV.

SMITH - On January 3rd 1987, in North Wales after a long illness, John formerly Professor at Ulster Polytechnic. Funeral private. Donations please to Renal Unit, City Hospital, Belfast.

SYMONDSON - On January 2nd 1987, peacefully after a short illness at West Wales Hospital, Carmarthen, Stanley Lister, aged 87 years, of Pond Close, Broadway, Worcestershire. Husband of the late Peggy, dearly loved father of John, Peter and Veronica (Slinks) and a much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation at Swansea Crematorium (M4 Junc 46) Morriston, on Friday 9th January at 12.40 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund, c/o Midland Bank, Carmarthen.

TAIT - On January 4th, suddenly at home, Colonel John Barclay, late Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons). Beloved husband of Pauline and much loved father of Gregor and Euan. Funeral at St. Paul's Church, Tadley, Friday 10th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but, donations in his memory to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London, W1H 4DH or The Regimental Heritage Fund, c/o Regimental Headquarters, Queen's Own Highlanders, Cameron Barracks, Inverness, IV2 5XD, would have been his wish. Enquiries to A. Monger Ltd, Funeral Directors, Tel. Basingstoke 850025.

TOOGOOD - on 2nd January 1987, Herbert Arthur, At Fishbourne, Isle of Wight, after a brief illness, beloved husband of Eva and much loved father of Jonathan.

WILKINSON - On January 1st 1987, Suddenly, Timothy Hugh, aged 25 years, most dearly loved younger son of Guy and Elizabeth, and beloved brother of Charles. Family funeral. No flowers please. Thanksgiving service to be arranged.

WRIGHT on Sunday January 4th 1987, peacefully at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Elizabeth Phyllis, Lady Wright dearly loved wife of Sir Edward Wright formerly of Aberdeen University. All friends welcome at the funeral on Thursday January 8th at 2.15pm, West Chapel, Aberdeen Crematorium, Hazlehead. Flowers to Gordon & Watson, Rosemont Place, Aberdeen. No callers please

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Doctors in Aids row on donors

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tested for traces of the Aids virus. Since October 1985, about three million units of blood have undergone the test, with about 60 units found to be contaminated.

To help minimize contamination risks, a leaflet prepared jointly by the transfusion service and the Department of Health and Social Security, and given to every potential blood donor, specifies which people must not give blood.

They are: Men who have had sex with another man at any time since 1978; drug abusers, both men and women, who have injected drugs during that time; haemophiliacs who have received unheated blood products at any time since 1978; people who have lived in or visited Africa south of the Sahara at any time since then and have had sex with men or women living there; and sexual partners of people in these groups.

"This includes single contacts as well as regular relationships", the leaflet says.

But Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA's professional division, said yesterday: "We believe that anyone who has had casual sex in the last four years should not give blood. The risk of infection is extremely small but it has to be taken into account."

A BMA spokeswoman confirmed the association's stance. "We feel we have to go beyond the established high-risk groups before there is a significant problem, rather than wait for it to arise.

"If you have had a casual sexual relationship with anyone in the last four years and are uncertain of your partner's sexual history, our advice is not to donate blood, although the risk is minute."

The association could see no reason why homosexual men who had been faithful to one partner since 1978 should not be eligible to give blood, she said.

● Dr Peter Exon, senior medical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security's Aids unit, was at the centre of bureaucratic bungling yesterday when he told a conference in York that he had no official permission to divulge the Government's strategy to combat Aids.



Passengers clambering from the wreckage of the New York-bound Amtrak train after it collided with two locomotives in Maryland on Sunday.

Rail crash death toll reaches 14

Baltimore (Reuter) — Rescuers said yesterday that 14 people were killed and 177 injured when a packed passenger train smashed into two freight engines near Baltimore, Maryland, at more than 100 mph on Sunday.

Lieutenant Daniel Kluge, a Baltimore County Emergency Operations official, said that rescuers were cutting into the two remaining carriages of Amtrak's New York-bound "Colonial", including the dining car, but no more survivors were expected to be found.

Most of the injured were taken to hospitals in the Baltimore area and at least nine critically injured were flown by helicopter to a shock-trauma unit in Baltimore.

Nearly 200 rescue workers tore through the wreckage with cranes, bulldozers and torches during the night.

National Transportation Safety Board officials said they had not yet determined the cause of the accident. Rescue authorities, however, believed the two freight engines had been involved in a switching error.

'I think I will go to sleep now'

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century, was filled with predominantly yellow and white flowers cut, according to his last wishes, from the beds of the Birch Grove estate.

The service was conducted by the Right Rev Eric Kemp, Bishop of Chichester, an old friend, who told the congregation: "All that we have known and loved in Harold Macmillan is not lost and gone forever. His gentlemanliness, his wit, his care, his vision will be found in the greater glory of the Resurrection when we shall see him again."

The bishop spoke of Lord Stockton's "care for human dignity and concern for individuals" which was "deeply rooted in his Christian faith".

According to Lord Stockton's wishes, the hymns included "I Vow to Thee My Country" and "The King of Love My Shepherd Is".

Once the service was over the mourners emerged into the winter sunshine as the coffin was carried to the family plot.

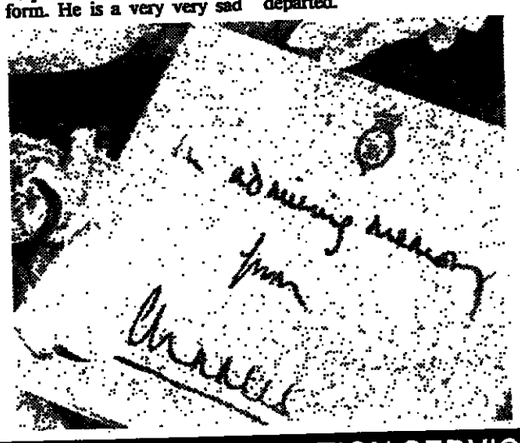
Enclosed on three sides by beech hedging, the Macmillan burial ground already includes the remains of Lord Stockton's parents, his son, daughter and wife, Lady Dorothy.

When Lady Dorothy died, he had his own name carved with hers on a simple block of granite. His inscription read: Harold Macmillan 1894 —. The final date of his passing is yet to be carved by the local stonemason.

After the service Lord Home, who briefly succeeded Mr Macmillan as Conservative leader, said that he had last seen him a month ago in the House of Lords: "He was very frail but very much on form. He is a very very sad loss. The service was absolutely fitting and I'm sure he would have liked it."

Lord Hailsham, in top hat, told waiting journalists: "I was always very close to him personally. He had many facets to a very complex character."

Security throughout the service was kept at a very discreet level. Police with sniffer dogs had checked the churchyard and adjoining fields earlier in the day but very few officers could be seen in the area as the mourners arrived and departed.



After the service Lord Macmillan, formerly Mr Alexander Macmillan, said that his grandfather's common touch was something he hoped to preserve.

"I live here and I will carry on the tradition that he started. I'm already chairman of the Horsted Keynes bonfire committee."

Lord Macmillan said of the service: "It was lovely and was in a lovely little church. It was a sad occasion but also fitting for a long and successful life. Everyone there was pleased that he had come to a peaceful and happy end.

"It was the appropriate way to see him off. It went extremely well. I think he would have enjoyed it. It had two of his favourite hymns and this was his parish church."

The last time Lord Stockton had visited St Giles Church was to take communion during the summer but he had been prevented from doing so since because of pneumonia.

● Voting for the new Chancellor of Oxford University, to succeed Lord Stockton, will take place at the Sheldonian Theatre on March 12 and 14. Nominations have to be in by March 2.

Letter from Islamabad

Auctions for the best bribed jobs

There was a strike last week in Rawalpindi by the drivers of the Suzuki vans that are used as private enterprise buses in Pakistani cities, and which fill a transport need left by the over-subsidized and loss-making publicly owned buses. The private drivers were striking because one of their number had been beaten up by the police.

He was beaten, they said, because he had not paid his monthly bribe to the police of his division.

Bribery of the police, say the drivers and the transport owners, has become such a regular imposition that at least 15 per cent of the regular costs of a transport undertaking goes in these "gratifications".

The police in Pakistan are — by and large — fine looking men, tall with graceful moustaches, and distinguished sneers, and they look commanding and elegant in their uniforms of light blue and dark blue and white webbing. It seems a pity to find that they are no less venal than the hordes of other jacks-in-office in the sub-continent who require sweeteners of a few tens of rupees, just for doing their jobs.

Many petty bureaucrats, whose salaries have notoriously failed to keep up with the cost of living and of marrying off a daughter, make their livings in this way. You want a document signed? So come back tomorrow. You want it signed today? Ah well, that will cost you just a little extra.

A friend of mine tells of the builder who carved up some land into plots and sought electricity connections. The power authority said that for technical reasons it was impossible until the year following. But a visiting engineer said that for 30,000 rupees (£1,250) it could be done right away.

For 25 per cent of the fare paid to the ticket collector he could be guaranteed a seat on the train. Indeed for a further 50 per cent he could be spared even the formality of buying a ticket. That, said my friend, was in India, and was considered highly reasonable. In Pakistan he would have to have paid 100 per cent of the fare again to guarantee his seat.

In India, asking a Bombay businessman about such things, I was told of a state-owned coal plant which was newly established and waiting to roll, but it too was held up for lack of an electricity connection (electricity supply is also a state monopoly). A "fee" had to be paid from the officials of one state undertaking to another before the connection could be made.

But surely the police should be guarding against this type of thing? Not if you believe the drivers. A driver must pay his bribe, perhaps a pound a month, to the police of every district his vehicle passes through. In order to ensure that he is not summoned to pay twice in one district the drivers actually make the police sign a receipt.

Traffic experts like to keep the same police on traffic work for extended periods so that skills in traffic management can develop, but the traffic police posts in Pakistan have become so profitable that there is great competition for them.

This is where the senior officers can make their money. What happens, the experts say, is that the senior officers hold an auction of a lucrative job coming up.

In return for the bribes of course, blind eyes have to be turned to traffic offences, to vehicle defects, to lack of driving skills, to over-long drivers' hours. And the costs, naturally, have to be recouped from the public. In the end it is the citizen who suffers.

Too often it can mean that people who have a right to certain assistance from the Government cannot get it, because they cannot afford the bribe demanded by corrupt officials, or because they simply do not know who to bribe (though there is a whole class of "fixers" who, for a fee naturally, will undertake to do the wheel-oiling for anyone who does not know his way around).

Pakistan has now established a federal ombudsman which has helped mitigate the worst effects of this trap. In the few months that it has been in operation the ombudsman system has for example managed to assist a number of deserving widows to obtain their rights from ministerial pension schemes, and Pakistanis feel it may well go some way to keep the demands of officials within reasonable bounds.

So far at least, it has not been necessary to offer a gratification to the ombudsman's officials in order to have a case heard.

Michael Hamlyn

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Jeanson Hunting, Shooting & Fishing Library; Sotheby's, 34 New Bond St, W1, 9.30 to 4.30 (ends Jan 9).

Exhibitions in progress

Harold Mockford: Retrospective Exhibition; Towner Art Gallery and Local History Museum, High Street, Old Town, Eastbourne, East Sussex; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5. (ends Feb 8).

Last chance to see

Porton Preserved: The archaeology and natural history of a unique chalk downland site; Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire; Mon to Sat 10 to 4.

Music

London Festival Ballet: The Nutcracker, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1, 7.30.

Piano recital by Penelope Willis-Fleming; St Bride's, Fleet St, EC4, 1.15.

Piano recital by Richard Shepherd; St Martin-in-the-Fields, 5 St Martin's Pl, WC2, 3.05.

Organ recital by Andrew Lumsden; St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, EC2, 1.

Recital by Robin Alleson (violin) and Neville Schäfer (piano); Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, W1, 7.30.

Elysian Piano Trio; Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1, 6.

Concert by Caroline Dearnley (cello), James Lisney (piano) and James Woodrow (guitar); Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1, 7.30.

Lunchtime Concert: by pianist Malcolm Binns; 1.05; Folk Rock Concert: by Fairport Convention; St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff, 7.30.

Talks, films and lectures

Natural history quiz; Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, SW7, 3.

Meet the dolls; Museum of London, London Wall, EC2, 2.30

Going into space; Royal Aeronautical Soc, 4 Hamilton Pl, W1, 2.

Roman society; Inst of Classical Studies, 31 Gordon Sq, WC1, 5.

William Blake; British Library, Gt Russell St, WC1, 11.

Dylan Thomas; British Library, Gt Russell St, WC1, 2.

French and Soviet avant garde films; ICA, The Mall, SW1, 6.15 and 8.30.

Mysteries of Surrealism; Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1; 11.30.

The Anglo-Saxon Church and Landscape of Wooton Wawen: by Mr S R Bassett;

Birds of Gambia: by Mike Wilkes, West Midland Bird Club, Indoor Meeting; both held at The Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham; 7.

How to Succeed at Angling: by Dr Barrie Rickards, Angling columnist, 10.30 am.

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor: But What Did Your Ancestors Do? by Mr W.J. Hodgkinson, family historian, Guild of One Name Studies; 2.30; both held at the Engineering Department, Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

Grey Owl: by Colin Taylor; Rye Art Gallery, Rye, 8.

General

Modern Traction: A railtour of Britain: talk by Mr Dickson, illustrated with colour slides; Ainsty Hotel, Boroughbridge Road, York; 7.30.

Mayer Guided Tours; Liverpool Museum, William Brown St, 1.30 and 2.30.

Fantastic Mr Fox; Gardner Arts Centre, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton, 2.30 (ends Jan 10).

Arts Festivals 1987

Dates, outline programme information, and booking details are available for 25 of Britain's leading arts festivals in a brochure published by British Arts Festivals Association and the British Tourist Authority.

Arts Festivals 1987 is available free from The Co-ordinator, BAFA, c/o 23 Orchard Rd, London N6 5TR.

Roads

London and the south-east: Vauxhall Cross: Delays for traffic approaching Vauxhall Bridge due to roadworks at junction of South Lambeth Rd and Kennington Lane. **A2:** Londonbound contraflow at Barham Crossroads, Kent. **A3:** Londonbound delays at Burtham, Surrey.

The Midlands: M5: Two lanes open northbound but only one southbound between junctions 5 (Droitwich) and 6 (Worcester N). Also southbound entry and exit slip roads closed at junction 5. **A5:** Repair work at Weston under Lizard, E of Telford, Staffordshire. **A456 Hereford and Worcester:** Delays at Bewdley due to new bypass being built.

The North: M1: Roadworks between junctions 31 and 33, S Yorkshire. **M63 Greater Manchester:** Restrictions due to widening at Barton Bridge. **A49:** Strengthening work on Warrington Bridge, Cheshire.

Wales and the west: M5: Carriageway closure between junctions 24 and 27 due to construction work in Somerset. **A303:** Contraflow at Marsh bypass between Honiton and Ilminster, Devon. **A30:** Temporary traffic lights between Bodmin and Bolventor, Cornwall, due to improvement work.

Scotland: M8: Work between Lothian regional boundary and junction 6. **A82:** Single line traffic with temporary lights 4 miles N of Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire. **A91:** Single line traffic W of Cupar, Fife.

The westbound carriageway of London's North Circular Road (A406) is to be closed overnight on January 18 near its junction with Woodheyes Road, Neasden, to enable a footbridge ramp to be installed. Further closures may take place on subsequent Sunday nights. Diversions will be in operation.

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Anniversaries

Births: **Richard II**, reigned 1377-99, Bordeaux, 1367; **Jacques Etienne Montgolfier**, balloonist, Annonay, France, 1745; **Heinrich Schliemann**, archaeologist, Newbuckow, Germany, 1822; **Gustave Dore**, artist and book illustrator, Strasbourg, 1832; **Carl Sandburg**, poet, Galesburg, Illinois, 1878.

Deaths: **Fanny Burney**, novelist and diarist, London, 1840; **Gregor Mendel**, geneticist, Brno, Czechoslovakia, 1884; **Theodore Roosevelt**, 26th president of the USA 1901-09, Oyster Bay, New York, 1911.

Today is the Feast of Epiphany. Originally celebrated in the East in honour of Christ's baptism, the Feast is now observed in the West as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of Mary.

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.278	2.155
Austria Sch	20.95	19.75
Belgium Fr	63.00	59.40
Canada $	2.095	2.005
Denmark Kr	11.20	10.60
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.93
France Fr	9.76	9.26
Germany Dm	2.98	2.81
Greece Dr	235	216
Hong Kong $	11.75	11.25
Ireland Pt	1.097	1.037
Italy Lira	2070	1950
Japan Yen	247	233
Netherlands Gld	3.34	3.16
Norway Kr	11.27	10.67
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	4.80	3.80
Spain Pta	199.50	189.50
Sweden Kr	10.38	9.83
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.37
USA $	1.535	1.465
Yugoslavia Dnr	850	750

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London: The *FT* index closed up 2.6 at 1322.8.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 9.40 am.

Portfolio Gold

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WEATHER

There will be a cold northwesterly airstream over the whole of the British Isles. Many central and southern parts of England and Wales will have dry bright weather and only isolated showers. In NW regions there will be scattered showers of rain and sleet with snow on high ground. In N and E Scotland sleet and snow showers may be heavy and prolonged, especially on hills. In E England, after a mainly dry start, sleet or snow showers are likely and there may be longer outbreaks of snow later. It will be rather cold generally. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Sleet or snow showers becoming confined to eastern coastal counties. Cold with widespread frost, and some fog patches.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.05	6.7	6.49	6.7
Aberdeen	6.08	3.7	6.05	3.9
Avonmouth	11.43	11.9	-	-
Belfast	3.34	3.2	3.48	3.6
Cardiff	11.28	11.0	11.49	10.5
Devonport	10.17	5.1	10.46	4.7
Dover	3.08	6.3	3.43	5.9
Falmouth	9.47	4.9	10.16	4.5
Glasgow	5.04	4.5	5.13	4.8
Harwich	3.53	3.8	4.33	3.6
Holyhead	2.52	4.8	3.01	5.2
Hull	10.55	6.3	10.54	7.0
Ilfracombe	10.34	8.2	10.54	7.8
Leith	7.19	5.0	7.36	5.1
Liverpool	3.34	8.8	3.53	8.6
Lowestoft	1.16	2.5	2.36	2.1
Margate	4.09	4.6	4.56	4.3
Milford Haven	10.51	6.4	11.15	5.8
Newquay	9.48	6.4	10.13	5.9
Oban	10.28	2.5	10.23	3.1
Penzance	9.30	5.2	10.01	4.7
Portland	11.05	1.9	11.43	1.6
Portsmouth	3.55	4.5	4.04	4.2
Shoreham	3.32	5.9	3.51	5.5
Southampton	3.28	4.3	3.41	4.0
Swansea	10.52	8.4	11.12	7.8
Tees	8.28	4.7	8.25	5.0
W'Ton-on-Nze	3.48	4.0	4.28	3.8

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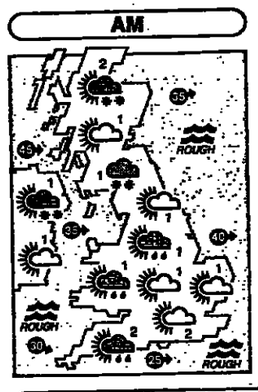
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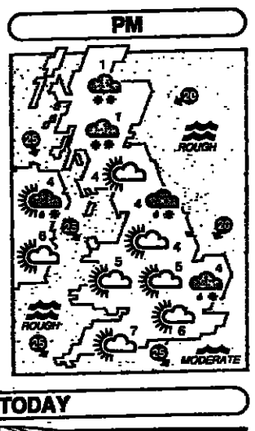
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Scarboro	-	.06	9	48	cloudy
Bridlington	-				
Cromer	-	.12	9	48	shower
Lowestoft	-	.14	7	45	rain
Clacton	-	.17	8	46	rain
Southend	-	.13	8	46	rain
Margate	-	.09	9	48	rain
Folkestone	-	.13	8	46	rain
Hastings	-	.20	8	46	rain
Eastbourne	-	.24	10	50	rain
Brighton	-	.15	9	48	rain
Worthing	-	.14	9	48	rain
Littlehmptn	-	.14	9	48	rain
Bognor R	-	.13	9	48	rain
Southsea	-	.04	10	50	rain
Sandown	-	.18	11	52	rain
Shanklin	-	.17	10	50	rain
Bournemouth	-	.09	10	50	rain
Poole	-	.07	10	50	rain
Swanage	-	.09	10	50	rain
Weymouth	-	.02	11	52	rain
Exmouth	-	.02	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	.04	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	-	.04	11	52	rain
Falmouth	-	.17	11	52	drizzle
Penzance	-	.12	10	50	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.04	11	52	drizzle
Jersey	-		9	48	drizzle
Guernsey	-	.01	11	52	rain
Newquay	-	.09	11	52	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.17	11	52	rain
B'pool Airpt	-	.20	-	-9	48
	rain				
Morecambe	-	.39	-	-9	48
	rain				
Douglas	0.8	.36	10	50	cloudy
B'helm Airpt	-	.06	10	50	rain
Bristol (Cnt)	-	.20	10	50	rain
Carlisle	0.8	.19	10	50	rain
London	-	.17	10	50	rain
Manchester	-	.35	10	50	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.3	.01	11	52	bright
Nottingham	-	.09	10	50	rain
Anglesey	-	.25	10	50	rain
Cardiff (Cnt)	-	.16	10	50	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	.15	11	52	drizzle
Tenby	-	.44	11	52	rain
Aberdeen	2.0	.15	9	48	shower
Edinburgh	1.0	.09	10	50	rain
Eskdalemuir	1.2	.79	9	48	rain
Glasgow	1.9	.34	10	50	shower
Kinloss	1.0	.11	9	48	shower
Lerwick	0.1	.73	7	45	shower
Prestwick	1.4	.22	10	50	rain
Stornoway	0.5	.77	7	45	hail
Tiree	1.0	.46	8	46	hail
Wick	1.7	.47	9	48	shower
Belfast	1.2	.06	9	48	shower

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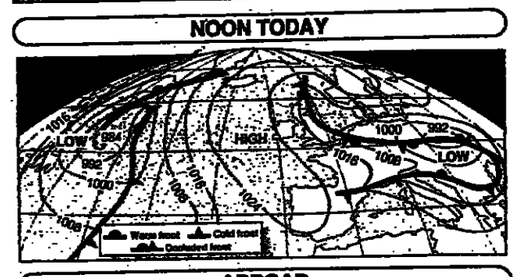
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NOON TODAY



ABROAD

NIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s 13	55	Cologne	c 2	36	Majorca	s 14	57
Alicante	f 18	64	C'phage	sn -4	25	Malaga	f 15	59
Alex'dria	s 19	66	Corfu	s 13	55	Malta		
Algiers	f 13	55	Dublin	r 11	52	Malt'rne	f 21	70
Amst'dm	c 3	37	Dubrovnik	s 4	39	Mexico C'	s 15	59
Athens	c 9	48	Faro	s 13	55	Miami*	c 24	75
Bahrain	s 19	66	Florence	s 9	48	Milan	c 0	32
Barbados*			Frankfurt	f 1	34	Montreal*	f -7	19
Barcelna	s 11	52	Funchal	c 19	66	Moscow	s 19	-2
Beirut			Geneva	s 2	36	Munich	f -1	30
Belgrade	c -3	27	Gibraltar	f 15	59	Nairobi		
Berlin	c -3	27	Helsinki	s 24	-11	Naples	s 8	46
Bermuda*	f 21	70	Hong K	r 17	63	N Delhi	s 20	68
Biarritz			Innsbruck	sn 0	32	N York*	f 0	32
Borde'x	s 3	37	Istanbul	sn 2	36	Nice	s 13	55
Boul'ne			Jeddah	s 27	81	Oslo	c 13	9
Brussels	c 3	37	Jo'burg*	f 27	81	Paris	f 3	37
Budapst	s -1	30	Karachi	c 23	73	Peking	f -4	25
B Aires*	f 31	88	L Palmas	s 19	66	Perth	s 35	95
Cairo	s 19	66	Lisbon	s 9	48	Prague	f -3	27
Cape Tn	s 24	75	Locarno	s 9	48	Reykjvik	sn 0	32
C'blanca	s 17	63	L Angels*	r 14	57	Rhodes	c 15	59
Chicago*	s 1	34	Luxembg	c -1	30	Rio de J	c 26	79
Ch'church	s 18	64	Madrid	s 8	46	Riyadh	s 20	68
Cologne	c 2	36	Majorca	s 14	57	Rome	s 10	50
Alicante	f 18	64	C'phage	sn -4	25	Malaga	f 15	59
Alex'dria	s 19	66	Corfu	s 13	55	Malta		
Algiers	f 13	55	Dublin	r 11	52	Malt'rne	f 21	70
Amst'dm	c 3	37	Dubrovnik	s 4	39	Mexico C'	s 15	59
Athens	c 9	48	Faro	s 13	55	Miami*	c 24	75
Bahrain	s 19	66	Florence	s 9	48	Milan	c 0	32
Barbados*			Frankfurt	f 1	34	Montreal*	f -7	19
Barcelna	s 11	52	Funchal	c 19	66	Moscow	s 19	-2
Beirut			Geneva	s 2	36	Munich	f -1	30
Belgrade	c -3	27	Gibraltar	f 15	59	Nairobi		
Berlin	c -3	27	Helsinki	s 24	-11	Naples	s 8	46
Bermuda*	f 21	70	Hong K	r 17	63	N Delhi	s 20	68
Biarritz			Innsbruck	sn 0	32	N York*	f 0	32
Borde'x	s 3	37	Istanbul	sn 2	36	Nice	s 13	55
Boul'ne			Jeddah	s 27	81	Oslo	c 13	9
Brussels	c 3	37	Jo'burg*	f 27	81	Paris	f 3	37
Budapst	s -1	30	Karachi	c 23	73	Peking	f -4	25
B Aires*	f 31	88	L Palmas	s 19	66	Perth	s 35	95
Cairo	s 19	66	Lisbon	s 9	48	Prague	f -3	27
Cape Tn	s 24	75	Locarno	s 9	48	Reykjvik	sn 0	32
C'blanca	s 17	63	L Angels*	r 14	57	Rhodes	c 15	59
Chicago*	s 1	34	Luxembg	c -1	30	Rio de J	c 26	79
Ch'church	s 18	64	Madrid	s 8	46	Riyadh	s 20	68
Copenhgn	c 2	36	Malaga	f 15	59	Rome	s 10	50
Corfu	s 13	55	Malta			Salzburg	f -1	30
Dublin	r 11	52	Malt'rne	f 21	70	S Frisco*	r 9	48
Dubrovnik	s 4	39	Mexico C'	s 15	59	Santiago*	s 27	81
Faro	s 13	55	Miami*	c 24	75	S Paulo*	c 28	82
Florence	s 9	48	Milan	c 0	32	Seoul	s -2	28
Frankfurt	f 1	34	Montreal*	f -7	19	Singapor	s 30	86
Funchal	c 19	66	Moscow	s 19	-2	St'kholm	s 14	7
Geneva	s 2	36	Munich	f -1	30	Strasb'rg	s 1	34
Gibraltar	f 15	59	Nairobi			Sydney	s 26	79
Helsinki	s 24	-11	Naples	s 8	46	Tangier	f 17	63
Hong K	r 17	63	N Delhi	s 20	68	Tenerife	s 20	68
Innsbruck	sn 0	32	N York*	f 0	32	Tokyo	s 10	50
Istanbul	sn 2	36	Nice	s 13	55	Tunis	f 12	54
Jeddah	s 27	81	Oslo	c 13	9	Valencia	s 12	54
Jo'burg*	f 27	81	Paris	f 3	37	Vanc'ver*	r 6	43
Karachi	c 23	73	Peking	f -4	25	Venice	s 4	39
L Palmas	s 19	66	Perth	s 35	95	Vienna	f -1	30
Lisbon	s 9	48	Prague	f -3	27	Warsaw	s -6	21
Locarno	s 9	48	Reykjvik	sn 0	32	Wash'ton*	f 6	43
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* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

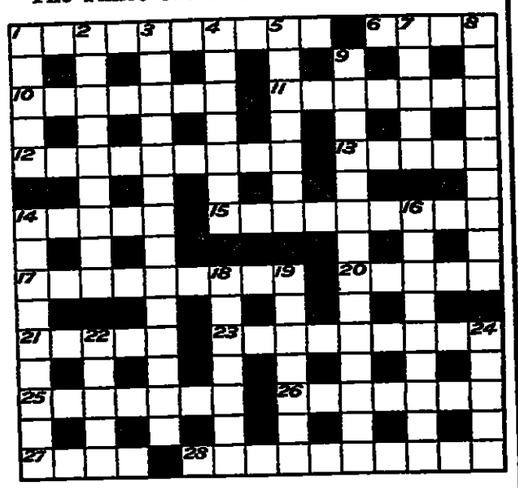
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Blackpool	f 7	45	Jersey	c 9	48
Bristol	f 8	46	London	f 9	48
Cardiff	f 7	45	M'chester	c 6	43
Edinburgh	s 5	41	Newcastle	r 5	41
Glasgow	r 5	41	N'ndsway	f 7	45

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.38 pm to 7.26 am
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,246



ACROSS

1 A comfortable place in the garden (3,2,5).
6 Old part of Swanage destroyed (4).
10 Chocolate cake to have with cheese covering (7).
11 Make more records from master (7).
12 Tell tales, say, about my superior (5,4).
13 Wander about in the mountains (5).
14 Board sends English doctor to America (5).
15 Occasionally see a few papers (9).
17 Saw Sweden — it's stirring (9).
20 What's left of the river (5).
21 The latest in style, Sally's outfit (5).
23 Fixing the value of grass given to donkeys (9).
25 Instructed trade union to see the German revolutionary (7).
26 An error in *I ac* (7).
27 Plane is still level (4).
28 Mountain crest comprises hog's-back shape (10.

DOWN

1 Ruth left a noisy scene (5).
2 Make the expected contribution when Lorna's injured (2,4,3).
3 After a motion, peers defer kin's claim to property (7,7).
4 Demanding love, emperor leads the country (7).
5 A title makes me a lord (7).
7 Fresh information about the interior (5).
8 Spread spare lids out (9).
9 Theatre — of war? (10,4).
14 Obtainable from there, a new girdle (9).
16 Street-vendor makin' a mess of island (6-3).
18 Con man turns up in disgrace (7).
19 Refuse to go in here and clean tip up (7).
22 In Paris, a match is free (5).
24 Eat too much Cheddar, perhaps (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,245



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1322.8 (+2.6)

FT-SE 100
1680.0 (–1.1)

Bargains
34376 (19640)

USM (Datastream)
131.48 (+0.33)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4730 (–0.0190)

W German mark
2.8422 (–0.0157)

Trade-weighted
68.8 (–0.7)

Metal Box in £9.3m expansion

Metal Box, the packaging group, is paying £9.3 million for Rudco Industries, a US cheque printing business. The move is a further step in the British company's aim to expand its security printing operations in the US.

Rudco operates in the north eastern states of the US and last year earned a small profit of £134,000 on turnover of £26 million. The company's profitability was adversely affected by the cost of re-equipping its plants.

In the present year earnings are expected to rise to about £600,000. Better results are expected once Rudco is merged with the group's existing cheque printing offshoot, Clarke Checks Inc.

£7m US buy for Fisons

Fisons, the pharmaceuticals and scientific instrument group, has bought J&W Scientific Inc in California for $10.4 million (£7 million).

J&W manufactures capillary columns which are used in high resolution gas chromatography. Its sales last year were $7.5 million.

Exco chief

Mr Richard Lacy, one of the founding directors of Exco International, the money broking company, has become chairman following Exco's £670 million takeover by the financial services group British and Commonwealth Holdings. He also becomes a director of B&C.

Brent buy

Brent Chemicals International will today announce that it is buying the American J&S Laboratories Inc, which manufactures chemicals for the printed circuit board industry. It will pay $2.9 million (£2 million) initially plus another $2.2 million over the next seven years.

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TV takeover

Central Independent Television has acquired the film animation company, Filmfair, for £1.5 million in its first corporate acquisition. It has also acquired a 22 per cent interest in Starstream, which operates a cable and satellite television service.

Profits record

The consumer finance group, First National Finance Corporation has announced record profits. Pretax profits jumped 65 per cent to £36.4 million and the dividend was more than doubled from 2.8p net to 6.39p net.

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Ansbacher letter to Saunders revealed

Guinness share row deepens

By Lawrence Lever

The controversy over the 2.15 million shares in Guinness currently sitting in a nominee account of Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, intensified yesterday when Henry Ansbacher alleged that Guinness itself was the beneficial owner of those shares.

The row has generated allegations that Guinness has illegally purchased its own shares — an allegation that Guinness denies. If Ansbacher's version is correct it would give further strength to the allegations.

It emerged yesterday that Mr Richard Fenhalls, the chief executive of Henry Ansbacher, wrote to Mr Ernest Saunders, the chairman of Guinness, on December 10 last year — nine days after the Department of Trade enquiry was announced.

In his letter to Mr Saunders, Mr Fenhalls stated that the sum of £7.6 million received by Ansbacher from Guinness "had been immediately applied in the payment for these 2.15 million shares". An Ansbacher spokesman said that "immediately" meant the middle of May.

Mr Fenhall's letter states also that "2.15 million shares in Guinness were still held in Down Nominees and we would be grateful for the nomination of beneficial ownership."

At the same time a spokesman for Ansbacher yesterday denied reports published in *The Times* on Monday that the money sent by Guinness was frozen in a deposit account. "The money from Guinness was used to purchase the 2.15 million shares in the middle of May," he said.

However letters signed by an official at Henry Ansbacher and sent to Guinness appear to contradict this version. A letter dated May 6 last year on Henry Ansbacher notepaper and addressed to Guinness reads: "We have received the payment of £7.6 million which will be held on interest free deposit until May 19."

A subsequent letter from Ansbacher to Guinness, dated May 19, said that Ansbacher would extend the deposit period until June 9.

Sources close to Guinness claimed yesterday that the £7.6 million was still in Guinness's account at the time the Government investigation into Guinness was announced. The sources said that interest accruing on the account had been rolled over on a monthly basis.

Ansbacher's explanation for the contradictory versions was that the letters stating that the money was held on deposit had been dictated by Morgan Grenfell to clerks at Henry Ansbacher. The spokesman added that the letters had not been seen or signed by Mr Fenhalls.

However he added that " he did not know" whether Lord Spens, the Ansbacher managing director, who originally authorized the purchase, had ever seen seen the letters. He said also that Lord Spens was not available for comment.

And neither Guinness or Morgan Grenfell would comment.

It emerged that Guinness and Morgan Grenfell say that they intended the £7.6 million as a deposit. It was sent to Ansbacher on the understanding that so long as Ansbacher held it, they would not place the Down Nominee shares on the market.

Bid likely for Mercantile

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mercantile House, the financial services group, announced yesterday that it may be the subject of bid offers, as an investor bought 14.9 per cent of the company.

The shares were purchased at 370p each, 23 per cent above the market price, forcing up Mercantile's shares by more than 80p to 379p.

The buyer is Crownx, a Canadian financial services, health care and high technology group. An executive of the company telephoned Mr John Barkshire, Mercantile's chairman, yesterday informing him of the purchase. The executive said that Crownx would be making a statement of its intentions towards Mercantile this morning.

After the sharp price rise, Mercantile issued a brief statement saying that in the light of the movement "the chairman has learned that one or more offers may be in contemplation for the share capital of the company." The group insisted that it had so far received no formal bid offers but expected an approach

Although warned by A L&C this morning that a client was buying shares, Mercantile said it had no prior knowlege of the purchase. Mercantile's announcement caused confusion and disquiet in the stock market where participants wondered why the company had not made public the existence of possible bid offers at an earlier stage. Some investors had already sold shares on the back of the price rise before the announcement was made.

Mercantile House has emerged since the late 1970s under the chairmanship of Mr John Barkshire as one of the City's most diversified financial services groups. City analysts believe that the company is worth between 450p and 550p a share, well above the present market level.

Its main businesses include money broking, stock broking, gilt-edged market making and fund management. It has become the subject of intense bid speculation since the Bank of England scrapped the O'Brien rules preventing banks from owning money brokers. Its shares have also performed weakly.

The group's pretax profits for the year to April 30, 1986 rose 44 per cent to £75.4 million. But there have been doubts about the profitability of its gilt-edged market making operation since the start of the new gilts market last October in which few primary dealers are expected to make much money.

John Manning



Director in demand: in his office at Sugar Quay, Tate & Lyle's Neil Shaw, now on the board of S&N



Sir Patrick: report delayed

Report on Lloyd's this month

By Alison Eadie

Sir Patrick Neill's report into the adequacy of investor protection at Lloyd's insurance market will be published on January 22, the Department of Trade and Industry confirmed yesterday.

The government appointed the Neill inquiry last January to deflect parliamentary pressure from both sides of the House to include Lloyd's in the Financial Services Bill. The report has taken six months longer to produce than Sir Patrick originally intended, largely because of the number of parties volunteering evidence

The delay has allowed Lloyd's to escape immediate obligation to the Financial Services Act. However, the Neill committee is understood to have found investor protection lacking in several respects at Lloyd's.

The committee has heard extensive evidence from those arguing in favour of an independent chairman, a compensation fund for members or names, divestment by managing agents of members agents and stricter penalties against offences by professional underwriters.

The committee has also had its attention drawn to conflicts of interest between Lloyd's duty to protect both names and policy holders and between limited liability companies, with duties to shareholders, running unlimited liability businesses.

Reserves boost as pound slips

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose by an underlying $96 million last month. But the announcement failed to save the pound from a sharp reversal of its recent rise.

The reserves stood at $21.923 billion (£14.780 billion) at the end of December, compared with $22.006 billion at the end of November.

After allowing for official repayments and borrowing, an actual fall of $83 million turned into an underlying rise of $96 million. This followed an underlying rise of $35 million in November, preceded by large falls in the reserves in September and October, as the Bank of England supported the pound.

The pound fell yesterday by 1.9 cents to $1.4730. The sterling index dropped by 0.7 to 68.8 as the pound lost ground against most currencies. Against the mark, sterling fell by nearly 2 pfennigs to DM2.8422.

The pound's fall came as a result of a poorer showing for the Government in a weekend opinion poll and support for the dollar by the German Bundesbank.

The Bundesbank stepped in to support the dollar when it dipped below DM1.92 yesterday, although dealers described the size of the intervention as modest.

However, the threat of intervention could buoy the dollar and switch currency market pressure in sterling's direction. January has been a nervous time for sterling in recent years. Mr Stephen Lewis, head of economic research at Phillips & Drew, said: "We could be seeing the beginnings of the January sterling crisis."

Meanwhile, France announced another rise in interest rates in support of the franc, lifting its seven-day repurchase rate from 8.25 to 8.75 per cent.

Record US budget faces tough battle

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan yesterday introduced a record $1 trillion ($1,000 billion or £680 billion) 1988 budget in Congress which has already been declared dead on arrival by key Democratic leaders determined to write their own fiscal blueprint for America.

The President's new budget contains familiar Reagan themes, placing heavy emphasis on the privitization of government services, increased user fees for federal programmes, a continued defence build-up, steep cuts in Medicare and other social services, and above all, no new taxes.

Altogether, the new budget envisages savings of $42.4 billion through $18.7 billion in domestic spending cuts, $1.3 billion in interest savings and $22.4 billion in new revenues from user fees and asset sales.

If enacted, these would result in a sharply reduced deficit of $107.8 billion which meets the $108 billion target of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget law for fiscal 1988.

In his opening statement, Mr Reagan said deficit reductions without new taxes were a key objective of his new budget for the fiscal year beginning in October. At the same time, Mr Reagan said he was determined not to sacrifice his defence build-up.

Bredero rejects Slough bid

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Bredero Properties, the property company which is the subject of a £29.5 million cash bid from Slough Estates, Britain's biggest industrial developer, is telling its shareholders not to accept the offer which closes next Wednesday.

Slough's bid was triggered automatically by its purchase of the 49.5 per cent stake held by Verenigde Bedrijven Bredero, Bredero Properties' Dutch parent company.

Slough now has more than 50 per cent of Bredero. Its offer price of 145p a share is equal to the price at which Bredero was offered to the market last May. It was oversubcribed 52 times.

The Bredero board is telling shareholders not to accept the Slough Estate's offer as it does not adequately reflect the company's prospects. These include a new development site in the South-east for a £25 million retail scheme.

Slough says it wants to maintain Bredero's stock market listing and that it will hold its stake as a long-term investment which gives it exposure to the retail sector.

Bredero's plans for a £95 million office development in the centre of Hammersmith, west London, were excluded from the flotation forecasts of pretax profits of £2.8 million for the year ending December 31.

The London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham is trying to block Bredero's attempts to develop the site with London Regional Transport, which will benefit from a new public transport interchange

Independent voices in Britain's boardrooms

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Politicians are difficult to place and women are usually spurned by the chairman, but there is a strong demand for top class directors with main board experience at large British companies.

This is the experience of the Promotion of Non-Executive Directors, (PRO NED) established in 1982 to help recruit strong, independent non-executive directors for British industry, and which has just placed its 200th candidate.

Mr Neil Shaw, aged 57, chairman and chief executive of Tate & Lyle, this month takes up his post as a non-executive of Scottish & Newcastle, eight months after S&N approached PRO NED for assistance in finding a suitable appointee.

He says: "You do it because you are willing to spend the time and the effort involved in the responsibility. I expect to get to know the business, to assess the people running it and to make sure the decisions approved by the board have been properly researched."

PRO NED was started by the Bank of England, the Confederation of British Industry and the Stock Exchange after a spate of companies found themselves in financial difficulties. The hope was that independent non-executive directors would reduce the number of businesses running into trouble.

These days PRO NED boasts a list of about 1,000 suitable candidates; each individual undergoes careful vetting procedures. About half of those placed so far fall into the 45 to 55 year old chairman, chief executive or high level public company director category.

The others, who tend to volunteer their services, may be retired, self-employed, or with consultancy experience, who probably have more time available and are sought by smaller companies who are looking for more guidance.

Although non-executive directors are now paid between £6,000 and £15,000 a year, PRO NED is not impressed by those who will be dependent on their fees. Indeed, in the case of those non-executives who hold down full-time jobs, about two-thirds have to hand over any fee to their employers.

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Nikkei Dow ..... 18820.55 (+119.25)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2552.40 (+12.34)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 279.4 (+1.9)
Sydney: AO ..... 1503.2 (+16.4)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2036.5 (+19.1)
Brussels:
General ..... 4098.28 (+60.07)*
Paris: CAC ..... 395.1 (+3.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... n/a
London: FT. A ..... n/a
FT. Gilts ..... 84.66 (–0.10)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11⅛–11 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10 21/32–10⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6 13/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.56–5.54%*
30-year bonds 101⅝–101 11/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4730	$: £1.4735*
£: DM2.8422	$: DM1.9305*
£: SwFr2.3980	$: SwFr1.6290*
£: FFr9.4051	$: FFr6.3955*
£: Yen234.65	$: Yen159.35*
£: Index:68.8	$: Index:106.2
ECU £0.730933	SDR £0.831759

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
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FNFC ..... 217p (+14p)
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Morgan Grenfell ..... 374p (+11p)
Mercantile House ..... 368p (+68p)
MAI ..... 449p (+17p)

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Matthew Brown ..... 553p (–7p)
Early's of Witney ..... 156p (–12p)
Barclays Bank ..... 503p (–12p)
Hammerson 'A' ..... 450p (–15p)

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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $399.00 pm $398.95
close $399.00-399.50 (£271.00-271.50)
New York:
Comex $400.10-400.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm $18.05bbl ($18.15)

* Denotes latest trading price

Dramatic new twist in battle for H & WT

Fairfax joins the fray

By Richard Lander

The struggle between Mr Rupert Murdoch and Mr Robert Holmes à Court for control of Herald and Weekly Times, Australia's largest media empire, took a dramatic turn yesterday with the intervention of Mr John Fairfax, the country's third television and newspaper force.

Mr Fairfax, whose publications include the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age* of Melbourne and *The Spectator* in London, appeared to tilt the balance further towards Mr Holmes à Court by announcing a Aus$910 million (£413.6 million) bid for Queensland Press, publishers of three Brisbane-based newspapers.

H&WT owns 48.3 per cent of Queensland but, more crucially, Queensland owns a strategic 24 per cent stake in H&WT.

However it seems that the last big carve-up of the Australian print and electronic media still has some way to go before being resolved.

The bid from Fairfax is conditional on Queensland accepting the cash offer for H&WT made by J N Taylor, Mr Holmes à Court's subsidiary.

Mr Greg Gardiner, general manager of Fairfax, said that Mr Holmes à Court had agreed already to another condition of the bid which was that the terms of the Taylor bid would allow H&WT to accept his offer. The Queensland board plans to consider the approach either late this week or early next week.

The H&WT board has already given its backing to Mr Holmes à Court's bid which offers Aus$13.50 cash with paper alternatives to value H&WT at Aus$2.1 billion (£955 million). Mr Murdoch has offered Aus$12 cash with the alternative of convertible paper in his master company News Corporation, parent company of the group which publishes *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World*.

The share prices of both H&WT and Queensland both rose to stand 30c above their offer prices on the stock market yesterday amid speculation that Mr Murdoch may raise his offer for H&WT or even enter the battle for Queensland.

Mr Gardiner told a press conference that the Queensland bid was the best way of preserving three major media groups in Australia rather than allowing News Corporation to dominate the market. He said that Fairfax had stepped in to thwart earlier bids by News Corporation in 1979 and by Mr Holmes à Court in 1982.

WALL STREET

Early surge by Dow

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares surged ahead in early trading yesterday, extending their New Year rally.

Aribtrage-related buying *programmes provided much of* the boost as blue chips raced higher. Bargain hunting also contributed to the advance, traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 24 points to 1951 at one early stage, within five points of its record 1,955.57-mark achieved on December 2.

Later, however, the Dow's rise was moderated to 17.57 at 1,944.88 when the transport indicator was up 7.63 at 824.01 and utilities average up 1.10 at 211.94.

The broader Standard & Poor's composite index rose 2.06 to 248.51 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.19 to 142.20.

Among the leaders, IBM rose 1⅞ to 123¾, American Express 1⅝ to 59½ and General Electric ¾ to 88⅛.

	Jan 2	Dec 31
AMR	54⅛	53⅝
ASA	37⅜	37⅛
Allied Signal	40⅛	40
Alied Strs	68⅜	68⅛
Allet Chimrs	2⅛	2⅛
Alcoa	35⅛	33⅞
Amax Inc	12⅛	12⅛
Am'rda Hs	24⅝	23⅝
Am Brands	43⅛	42⅜
Am Can	85⅜	84⅛
Am Cynm'd	78⅜	78
Am El Pwr	28⅛	27⅝
Am Express	57⅛	56¾
Am Home	77¼	76⅛
Am Motors	3	3
Am St nrd	43	42⅜
Am Teleph	25⅛	25⅛
Amoco	67⅜	66⅛
Armco Steel	5⅛	5⅛
Asarco	15⅝	14⅞
Ashland Oil	56	56
At Richfield	61⅛	60⅛
Avon Prods	27⅞	27⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	46⅜	45⅛
Bankamer	14⅛	14⅛
Bk of Boston	40⅜	40
Bank of NY	39⅛	38⅝
Beth Steel	7⅛	6⅞
Boeing	52⅜	51⅝
Boise Cascde	61⅝	59⅜
Briden	48½	48¼
Bg Warner	39	38⅜
Brist Myers	84⅛	82⅝
BP	43⅞	43⅛
Burl'ton Ind	41⅜	41½
Burl'ton Ntn	55⅛	53⅞
Brunswick	34½	34⅜
Cmpbell Sp	57⅛	57
Can Pacific	12⅛	12⅛
Caterpillar	40½	40⅛
Celanese	240⅜	240½
Central SW	35⅜	34½
Champion	31⅛	30⅜
Chase Man	36	35¾
Chm Bk NY	42½	42⅜
Chevron	46	45¾
Chrysler	37⅜	36⅞
Citicorp	54	53
Clark Equip	20⅜	19⅞
Coca Cola	38⅛	37⅝
Colgate	42⅛	40⅞
CBS	128½	127
C'mbia Gas	46¾	45½
Cmb'tn Eng	31½	30⅜
Comwlth Ed	34⅛	34
Cons Edis	48½	47⅛
Cn Nat Gas	32⅝	32¾
Cons Power	16⅛	15⅝
Cntrl Data	27⅞	26⅝
Corning Gl	55⅜	54⅜
CPC Intl	81⅛	79⅛
Crane	34½	34⅛
Curtiss Wrt	52⅝	52⅜
Data Genl.	31	29⅝
Deere	22⅞	22⅛
Delta Air	48	48⅛
Detroit Ed	17⅛	16⅝
Digital Eq	105⅜	104⅝
Disney	44⅛	43⅛
Dow Chem	60	58⅜
Dresser Ind	19⅛	19⅜
Duke Power	46⅛	45⅛
Du Pont	85⅛	84⅛
Estm Kodak	69⅛	68⅜
Eaton Corp	74⅛	73⅜
Emerson El	85⅝	83⅛
Emery Air	11⅜	11⅛
Exxon Corp	72⅛	70⅛
Fed Dpt Sts	84⅝	83⅜
Firestone	28⅛	27⅛
Fst Chicago	29⅛	28¾
Fst Int Bncp	53⅛	52
Fst Penn C	9⅛	9
Ford	2⅛	2⅛
FT Wachvia	37	36⅝
GAF Corp	37⅛	36½
GTE Corp	59¼	58⅛
Gen Corp	74⅛	74½
Gen Dy mcs	70	67⅞
Gen Electric	87⅛	86
Gen Inst	18⅝	18⅛
Gen Mills	44	43½
Gen Motors	66½	66
Gn Pb Ut ny	23⅛	22½
Genesco	3½	3⅝
Georgia Pac	37⅛	37
Gillette	50⅞	49⅛
Goodrich	45⅝	42⅞
Goodyear	42⅞	42
Gould Inc	15⅝	15½
Grace	49⅝	48¾
Gt Att & Tac	25	23⅝
Gr'hnd	31⅝	31
Gruman Cor	25⅛	24½
Gulf & West	64	63⅛
Hanz H.J.	41½	40⅛
Hercules	51	50⅛
H'lett-Pkrd	42⅜	41⅞
Honeywell	60⅝	59⅛
IC Inds	23⅝	23¼
Ingersoll	57⅛	55⅝
Inland Steel	19¼	18⅛
IBM	121⅞	120⅝
INCO	11⅞	11⅜
Int Paper	75⅛	75⅝
Int Tel Tel	53⅝	53⅛
Irving Bank	47	45⅞
Jhnsn & Jhn	67⅝	65½
Kaiser Alum	14	13¾
Kerr McGee	28⅝	28⅛
Kmb'ly Clrk	80¾	79⅛
K Mart	44⅜	43¾
Kroger	30⅛	29⅝
L.T.V. Corp	1⅞	1¾
Litton	74½	74
Lockheed	50⅝	50¼
Lucky Strs	27⅛	26⅝
Man H'nwer	46	45½
Manvlle Cp	2	1⅞
Mapco	59½	59¼
Marine Mid	45⅞	45¼
Mrt Manetta	39¾	38⅝
Masco	29⅛	29¼
McDonalds	62	61⅜
McDonnell	72⅝	71⅛
Mead	56⅛	54⅝
Merck	126	123⅞
Mnesta Mng	117⅝	117
Mobil Oil	40⅝	40¼
Monsanto	76⅝	76⅜
Morgan J.P.	84½	82⅝
Motorola	35⅝	35½
NCR Corp	44⅜	44¼
NL Indstrs	5	5⅛
Nat Distirs	43¾	42¾
Nat Med Ent	22⅞	22½
Nat Smcndt	11⅛	10¾
Norfolk Sth	84⅜	84⅜
NW Bancrp	36⅞	36⅜
Occidnt Pet	28½	27⅝
Ogden	42½	40
Olin Corp	41⅛	41
Owens-Ill	52⅛	52⅜
Pac Gas El	24⅜	24⅛
Pan Am	4½	4⅛
Penney J.C.	73⅞	72¾
Pennzoil	68⅝	67
Pepsico	26⅛	26
Pfizer	62	61
Phelps Dge	21⅛	20½
Philap Mrs	73⅛	72⅛
Phillips Pet	12⅛	11¾
Polaroid	68⅝	68½
PPG Ind	74½	72⅝
Prctr Gmbl	77⅛	76⅛
Pb S E & G	41¼	40⅜
Raytheon	68⅝	67⅞
Rynlds Met	41⅛	40
Rockwell Int	46⅝	45⅝
Royal Dutch	95½	95⅜
Sara Lee	34⅝	34
SFE Sopac	30	29⅝
Schl'berger	32⅝	31⅝
Scott Paper	63½	62⅝
Seagram	61⅛	60⅝
Sears Rbck	41	39⅝
Shell Trans	58⅝	58⅜
Singer	38	37⅛
Smithkln Bk	96⅝	95⅝
Sonry	21⅛	20⅞
Sth Cal Ed	34⅝	34
S'Wstn Bell	114⅛	112⅝
Std Oil	50¼	49⅝
Sterling Drg	47⅛	46⅝
Stevens JP	38¾	37⅝
Sun Comp	55½	54¼
Teledyne	302¾	301½
Tenneco	39	38⅝
Texaco	38⅝	38
Texas E Cor	27⅜	27⅝
Texas Inst	117½	116⅜
Texas Utils	32⅜	31½
Texstron	53⅝	53
Trawlrs Cor	45¾	44⅝
TRW Inc	86⅝	84⅜
UAL Inc	52⅝	52¼
Unilever NV	239¼	237⅝
Unisys	61¼	60
Un Carbide	22⅞	22½
Un Pac Cor	63⅛	62¼
Utd Brands	33⅜	33¼
USG Corp	38½	37⅝
Utd Technol	46¾	46
USX Corp	21⅜	21½
Unocal	27⅜	26⅝
Jim Walter	48	47¼
Wrner Lmbt	59⅝	58⅝
Wells Fargo	102½	101½
W'stghse El	56¾	56⅜
Weyerh'ser	38¾	37⅞
Whirlpool	34½	67⅛
Woolworth	39¾	39⅜
Xerox Corp	58⅝	60¼
Zenith	21⅞	21⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	28⅝	26¾
Alcn Alum	39¼	38⅝
Algoma Stl	11	11
Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅞
Cominco	13⅜	13⅜
Con Bathrst	30½	30⅜
Hlnr/Sid Can	28⅛	28¼
Hdsn B Mtn	23¼	23¼
Imasco	32¾	32½
Imperial Oil	50½	51¼
In Pipe	40⅝	40
Ryl Trustco	29¾	29⅝
Seagram	85⅛	83½
Steel Co	19⅝	19¼
Thmsn N 'A'	29¾	30½
Vanty Corp	2.70	2.65
WCT	13⅜	13
Weston	35	35½

Privatization: are you getting your shares?

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, claimed in an interview yesterday that the number of personal shareholders may have trebled since 1979 following the TSB and *British Gas flotations*. But the Government wants to see share ownership spread a good deal more widely yet.

The latest idea to receive Mr Lawson's support is that existing public companies should be encouraged to raise additional capital from new shareholders rather than giving priority to existing shareholders through rights issues or placings.

Like British Telecom and British Gas, the household names of British industry might find it desirable to throw their caps at Sid and increase the number of their shareholders.

Small shareholders tend to be loyal compared with the institutions and at times of takeover activity it may be worth paying a premium in terms of administrative costs for loyalty.

Exactly how this would be done is for further discussion. Presumably companies would make a secondary offer for sale in which limited amounts of shares would be offered to the public at a discount to the market price.

From the Government's point of view wider share ownership through this route is all of a piece with its preference for wider ownership in general.

During the present Parliament, share ownership has been added to home ownership as one of the Government's priorities. Most of the new shareholders have been ordinary "Sids" brought on board by the privatization programme.

In addition, the Government has improved the tax treatment of employee share schemes. There are now 1500 approved employee share schemes open to *all employees* covering 1¼ million workers compared with 30 schemes in 1979.

In the Government's view there are political attractions in a share-owning democracy just as there are in a property-owning democracy. Ownership is held to generate responsibility and respect for property rights.

How far the idea of filling up the share register with a lot of newcomers will appeal to *existing shareholders remains* to be seen. Under the old Stock Exchange rules, quoted companies were forbidden from raising new equity capital other than through rights issues and placings with existing shareholders.



Spend, spend, spend – Chancellor Lawson wants Sid to buy into existing public companies

Since Big Bang companies have been allowed to ask their shareholders for permission to raise capital in other ways for up to a year ahead.

And under company law they can do so for up to five years ahead.

The fact that practically none has yet done so may suggest that existing shareholders are less than excited by the prospect of seeing their holdings diluted without receiving any saleable asset in return. Under a rights issue *shareholders receive rights* to subscribe at a discount on the market price which, if they do not wish to take up their allocation, they can sell. A secondary offer for sale would offer the discount to the world at large.

Vendor placings in which shares were placed at a discount with only a proportion of shareholders were acceptable only under certain conditions. The same goes for the "bought deal" which is essentially a placing by tender where institutional shareholders compete on price to take the additional shares issued to finance the acquisition. Pre-emption rights are regarded as an attractive feature of holding shares.

Opposition from the institutions to the idea of sharing access to new issues by already quoted companies is perhaps to be expected. The greater the interest in share ownership by individuals in principle the smaller the business for unit trusts, endowment policies and even pension funds.

In practice the institutions do not seem to have suffered to any perceptible extent from the spread of personal share ownership. In fact institutional boldings have been growing rapidly.

If the proposal is to make any progress it *will* have to convince both shareholders and companies themselves that wider share ownership is in their interest. Companies have already shown some reservations about the adminstrative burden of having a very large share register in the context of the new Personal Equity Plans which began last week.

The Confederation of British Industry has written to members urging them to be as *helpful as possible in supplying* copies of their annual report and accounts to plan managers.

Many of the more enlightened companies have, however, shown a commitment to wider share ownership in the past for *specific purposes* and in particular for motivating employees. ICI's finance director, Mr Alan Clements, went further recently: "If we felt that an issue would be attractive to small shareholders on a non-rights basis that would interest us."

An offer for sale is generally the most expensive way of *raising capital both in terms of* the discount and in terms of the cost of the issue including underwriting fees, advertising and the accountants report. So companies have to have a clear reason for choosing this route rather than a placing.

Relaxation of the rules attaching to offers for sale when they are secondary rather than primary could increase the attractiveness of this capital raising route to companies – if not necessarily to their existing shareholders.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

IN THE MARKET

Drift towards protectionism is speeding up

The new trading year has started with a crash. Gold has raced beyond the key policy trigger point of $400; gilts, a classic "alternative" investment within world bond markets, have boomed and the mark has risen very sharply.

The principal determinant to this disequilibrium remains the dollar. Just as the mark has been the vogue currency to buy (subsequently swapped into London gilts), the US currency has been every trader's dream short. It now buys 3p less in Britain than it did at the start of December, 9 pfennigs less in Germany and even 4 yen less in Japan – notwithstanding the Baker-Miyazawa pact.

These are sharp declines. They have taken place against a background of disappointing US fundamentals and worried comments from the Bundesbank, symbol of constant value in changing markets.

Far from the Japanese producing an expansionary budget for the financial year starting April 1, government spending will effectively be frozen at Y54 trillion (£230 billion). Austerity in Tokyo must startle Washington which was gambling on a looser Japanese fiscal policy to boost the US export drive.

Worse, the US current account numbers for November were a disaster. At $19.2 billion (£12.9 billion), the trade deficit hit new records. Meanwhile, the October deficit was revised upwards some $2.5 billion to $14.7 billion.

No J-curve benefits so far from last year's huge dollar *devaluation and few to come*, assuming a constant trade-off exists between a chronically weak currency and an accomodative Fed credit policy.

Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, has struck a cautious note so far. But Frankfurt is plainly disturbed by the gyrations in the dollar. On the one hand, the fall in the US currency is pushing the mark to levels which must inevitably threaten German export growth.

At Y82.50, the mark-yen cross-rate is more than Y5 above last year's fairly stable average. But on the other hand, such will have been the scale of capital inflows to Germany ahead of a presumed EMS realignment that monetary growth should show no signs of easing back.

German apprehension about excess money growth is well known hence the chances of rates cheapening in Frankfurt to offset the currency move look slight, in theory. Ultimately, Germany bids fair to find itself in a situation analogous to recessionary as far as output is concerned.

But Bundesbank apprehension is not confined to the state of the German current account. A trade war is now breaking out between America and Europe. Select EEC imports to the US are about to incur punitive duties and the EEC is poised to respond. The drift towards protectionism is speeding up.

This marks a new departure in the US policy response to what, in effect, is its emergence as the world's largest debtor nation. The early 1980s were marked by US nonchalance about the impact of high interest rates on European trading partners' exchange rates-monetary policy mix.

The mid-1980s have been characterized by US insistence *that Europe and Japan tailor* monetary policy to accommodate a falling dollar. Protectionism, symbolically, suggests that America is withdrawing in some shape or form from the traded goods mart.

The consequences of protectionism could be serious for the OECD bloc. Inevitably, there is a risk that world trade (forecast to grow by some 4 per cent this year) will slow.

But the US public's desire for goods manufactured outside America would continue unabated. In a re-run of the Roaring Twenties' prohibition, the goods this time would come in through Mexico, not Canada. Was this why Japan offered Mexico such attractive credit terms just a few weeks ago? Protectionism could help push the US trade deficit towards the $200 billion mark quite easily.

The impact on US credit markets might be just as traumatic. It is a truism to state that the US cannot afford a recession, given its rate of growth in debt interest.

In the past five years the weakening in the US net external position of some $250 billion has been matched, almost exactly, by a strengthening in the foreign private sector's net position of some $300 million. The US is a huge consumer of the world's savings – and under



Pöhl: a note of caution – but Frankfurt is disturbed

terms which are almost unique in the history of deficit financing.

The US has financed its *deficits in dollars, hence obliging* lenders to bear the exchange rate risk. Even under relatively tranquil trading conditions, it is a moot point how long this situation could continue without American interest rates developing a premium relative to hard currency counterparts. With protectionist pressures rampant, it is hard to see how foreign governments could tolerate continued capital outflows to New York.

Meanwhile, US fiscal policy seems bound to tighten even if the White House estimate of the deficit at $108 billion is widely disbelieved. The only solution to current market disequilibrium looks to be a fresh round of concerted interest rate cuts.

Christopher Dunn

Industry Year fails to impress

By Our Industrial Editor

Industry Year 1986 had little impact in improving industry's image and chances, according to a report by Survey Research Associates for the Association of Market Survey Organisations.

It found that fewer than one in six Britons had heard of the campaign to raise public awareness of industry's role.

A year after the launch of the campaign, in December, 1985, only 17 per cent of the population were aware that Industry Year had taken place. But there was greater awareness among business people – two-thirds knew of its existence.

But of those aware, half the general public and a third of the business people had little idea what it was for.

By the year-end, 1 per cent of the public and 18 per cent of businesses were involved in Industry Year activities.

£8m buyout at BSR subsidiary

By Alison Eadie

BSR International, the electronics and audio group, is selling its Capetronic subsidiary to the management for $12.25 million (£8.3 million).

Capetronic manufactures audio and video equipment and computer peripherals in the Far East. BSR will make a capital gain on the sale, despite currency losses last year due to the strengthening of the yen and Taiwanese dollar.

The proceeds will be used to reduce BSR's gearing. Capetronic made pretax profits of $600,000 in 1985 and currently has a negative net worth of $3.5 million.

Mr Bill Wyllie, BSR chairman, said the disposal of Capetronic would finally make BSR a predominantly high technology electronics business. It would be concentrating on the computer, information and telecommunications industries through its subsidiary Astec International.

London Wall decision near

Scottish Amicable, the insurance company, looks poised to receive consent for its 455,000 sq ft development plans for Moor House, situated on the London Wall in the City of London, on Thursday.

The City Corporation's planning committee is recommending approval for the demolition of the existing early 1970s tower and its replacement by a project designed to cope with the needs of post-Big Bang tenants.

Moor House is only one of at least seven development proposals for the London Wall. MEPC, one of Britian's largest property companies, recently had its plans to rebuild Lee House on London Wall rejected by the corporation by one vote after objections from neighbouring Barbican residents.

Bank sells final JMB remnants

By Richard Lander

The Bank of England has disposed of the remaining two parts of Johnson Matthey *Bankers* (JMB), the collapsed bullion and banking group which it rescued in late 1984.

In a deal arranged by Baring Brothers, the merchant bank, the Bank has agreed to sell the London-based Johnson Matthey Commodities Ltd and Johnson Matthey Commodities Inc of New York to Deak Morgan, a quoted Australian company.

No financial details of the transaction were revealed but Mr Charles Irby, a director of Barings, said the two companies were being sold for "in excess of net worth", which he estimated at around £18 million.

Deak Morgan is a fast-growing financial services group. Its major shareholders include NZI Corporation, with a 40 per cent holding, and Ariadne Australia, an investment subsidiary controlled by Mr Brude Judge, which holds 20 per cent.

Formerly known as Martin Properties, the company was renamed after last year's purchase of Deak Perrera, an American bullion dealing and money changing business. It also owns a stockbroking firm.

The acquisition of the two JMB companies will give Deak Morgan access to major commodity markets in New *York and London, including* the London Metal Exchange where JM Commodities Ltd is a full ring-dealing member and the New York Mercantile Exchange, where the American company trades platinum.

Most of JMB's banking and bullion dealing operations were sold last April to *Westpac Banking Corp*, another Australian firm. The sole asset of JMB, now renamed Minories Finance, is the rump of the bad loan book which the Bank took over as part of the rescue.

Minories' annual report showed that the company had outstanding loans and commitments of £301 million at last June 30, reduced from £501 million when JMB was rescued. Provisions have been made to cover £259 million of the money still owed.

Iraq joins Opec price level

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Iraq, which has refused to sign recent Opec agreements limiting output and setting fixed prices, has told its customers that its oil will be priced at the agreed Opec levels.

Iraq has also told its customers that the new prices will be back-dated to January 1, although the Opec price structure does not come into effect until February 1.

World oil prices are now moving steadily upwards with North Sea oil being priced for February delivery at upwards of $18.20 a barrel.

Kuwait has told at least two of its customers that contracts are being cancelled because of disputes over the higher prices *demanded*.

Prices are also rising because Britain is changing the tax system which affects the trading of "paper" as opposed to "wet" barrels of North Sea oil and allows the tax advantages associated with North Sea production to be passed on between intermediate purchasers.

Willis Faber in £12m US deal

Willis Faber, the Lloyd's insurance broker, has bought McAlear Associates in the United States for $18.5 million (£12.6 million).

McAlear, also an insurance broker, made pretax profits of $3.7 million in 1985. After tax profits in 1986 are not expected to be materially different from those in 1985 and will be paid to the vendor as a dividend.

A further payment of up to $1 million will be made by Willis depending on brokerage income this year.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

Deadlock continues as MSCC bid nears close

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Highams, which is making a hostile bid for the Manchester Ship Canal Company, is to close its £37 million cash offer on Wednesday next week.

A deadlock has been reached because of the peculiar nature of the MSCC's share structure, which favours small shareholders.

Highams, the private company of Mr John Whittaker, the chairman of Peel Holdings, the retail warehouse developer, says it has 45 per cent of the traceable votes in the company and 30,000 nominees which would enable it to gain more than 50 per cent of the votes.

But Mr Nicholas Berry, the new chairman of the canal company, says rules agreed *with the Takeover Panel mean* that Highams would need 53 per cent of the traceable votes to gain control of MSCC.

It is likely that the crucial fight for control will have to be staged at a shareholders' meeting of the MSCC to break the deadlock.

The plum in the MSCC's property portfolio is the Barton Dock estate near Manchester city centre which could be developed profitably with a retail scheme.

Commenting on Highams' closure date, Mr Whittaker said: "We have kept the offer open until now in order to benefit as many MSCC shareholders as possible.

"The offer – 625p per ordinary share and 300½p per preference share – has underpinned the company's share price throughout the last six months."

"With the offer closing, the board of the MSCC will have to try to produce rabbits out of the hat to justify themselves and keep the share price at current levels.

"Any plans to restructure the share capital will be doomed without Highams' support and the board has already tried to talk up the value of the MSCC's assets," he added.

The MSCC's board underwent sweeping changes in November with the early resignation of its former chairman, Mr Donald Redford, and his replacement by Mr Berry.

The board says an unnamed British developer has made a £70 million offer for Barton Dock alone, nearly twice the amount offered by Highams for the whole company.

Mr Whittaker wanted to develop a £100 million retail scheme on the Barton Dock site himself. But Manchester City councillors, who have 11 of the 21 seats on the MSCC board, are opposed to any such development on the doorstep of their city centre. A planning fight to develop the Barton Dock is assured.

The MSCC first proposed developing Barton Dock with Capital & Counties, one of the leading retail developers which is believed to have offered £60 million for the site. *That plan fell through* and a new mystery developer emerged with the £70 million offer.

The Carroll Group, a private development company, has been buying shares in the MSCC and already has a joint development project under way with the company on another part of its potentially *valuable estate.*

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Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited
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State Bank of New South Wales
J. Henry Schroder Bank and Trust Company

Commercial Paper Dealer:
Goldman Sachs Money Markets Inc.

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INTERIM RESULTS

	Unaudited half year ended 30 September 1986	1985	Audited year ended 31 March 1986
Turnover £'000	23,410	17,359	38,610
Profit before tax £'000	2,110	1,763	3,850
Earnings per ordinary share	20.8p	18.1p	39.2p
Dividend per ordinary share	4.4p	4.0p	10.0p
Dividend cover (times)	4.7	4.5	3.6

- **Earnings per ordinary share up by 15%**
- **Bruntons and Woodhead successfully acquired**

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STOCK MARKET

Blue chips fall as good start by Wall St fails to lift spirits

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Yesterday was one of the most difficult days in the fund managers' calender — when most of them had to force themselves back to work after the long Christmas holiday.

The banks of computerized dealing-desks, which had been silent over the past couple of weeks, should have once again been humming with buying and selling orders. But, instead, most of them opted for the "softly, softly" approach as the third and final leg of the long three-week account got underway.

Once again, turnover remained at low ebb with New Year "tips" holding centre stage and generating what little turnover there was.

Last week's confidence, stemming from the Government's showing in the polls, evaporated after its lead was cut to just 1 per cent following the MORI poll commissioned by *The Sunday Times*. Even another strong opening on Wall Street following the recent year-end tax selling failed to inject new life into a tired-looking equity market.

Some sharp falls among blue chips did little to help shrug off the lethargy and succeeded in taking their toll of the various indices. Grand Metropolitan fell 6p to 451p, after 449p, and Unilever 20p to £21.70. There were also losses in Barclays Bank and Hammerson.

As a result, the FT-SE 100 index closed 1.1 lower at 1,680.0, while the rise in the FT 30 share index was restricted to just 2.6 at 1,322.8.

Dealers remain confident, still hoping for an early cut in bank base rates shortly and despite a setback for sterling on the foreign exchanges after last week's gains. This enabled ICI, one of Britain's biggest exporters, to recoup some of Friday's fall with a rise of 13p to £10.72.

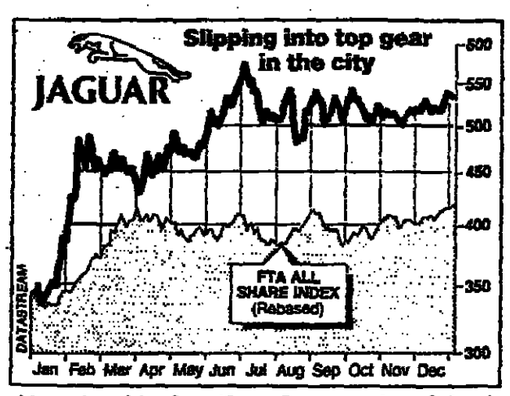
But Government securities ran into profit-taking, losing up to £¾ at the longer end in the wake of the Bank of England's decision to issue £1 billion of 10 per cent Treasury Loan Stock, redeemable in 1994.

Jaguar gained a further 12p to 547p — 38p below their peak — on the back of weekend press comment. They have now risen by 32p since being tipped by Mr Keith Williams, the leading car and motor components analyst at Pru-Bache Securities, in his firm's international strategy document which was published on December 19.

Mr Williams, who is forecasting an increase in pretax profits from last year's £120 million to £145 million, with earnings rising from 45p a share to 53p, believes the shares could climb as high as 650p during the course of 1987.

He says: "The Jaguar share price in 1987 will be governed not by its earnings potential, but by the excitement that surrounds the US launch of the new XJ40 car in May. It has had a tremendous reception in Britain and Europe and, if it goes well in the US, which is its major market, a share price of 600p or 650p is not untoward."

Mr Williams says foreign investors will compare Jaguar with Daimler-Benz, which is currently on a rating of 14 times prospective earnings. Jaguar is on a prospective earnings rating of 11 times.



Lucas, another of the six British stocks recommended by Mr Williams last month, has risen from 454p to 481p, firming a penny yesterday. Bowthorpe, the electronics group, held steady at 565p — 15p above the level at which he recommended it.

The leisure sector was active, fuelled by bid speculation and share tips. Southend Stadium jumped 13p to a fresh high of 295p. Fairline Boats 13p to 233p — also a new high — and Brent Walker, the film production and leisure centre operator also set a similar record, climbing by 9p to 229p.

Central Television, which announced the acquisition of FilmFair, a film animation company, for £1.5 million — its first corporate acquisition — hardened a penny to 371p.

It was a day of mixed fortunes for the big four clearing banks. Barclays soon ran out of steam and finished 11p lower at 504p, after 517p, as 2.3 million shares changed hands. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, its investment banking arm, has just put out its first major review of the banking sector since Big Bang — and is urging clients to sell Barclays' shares. BZW gives a warning that the group's earnings growth will be the fowest of the clearers' because the problems with loan-quality will take years, rather than months, to eradicate.

Meanwhile, Midland also slipped, by 2p to 603p, as turnover reached 877,000 shares. But there were small gains for Lloyds, up 5p to 450p, as 704,000 shares changed hands, with National Westminster firming 4p to 452p, as 668,000 shares were traded.

Next month sees the start of the banking season with all four reporting their full-year figures. Mr Michael Fesemeyer, a banking analyst at Savory Milln, the broker, is expecting NatWest, the biggest of the clearers, to wade in with best-ever pretax profits of above £1 billion — compared with £804 million last time.

He also expects Barclays to report profits of about £900 million, against £854 million, with Lloyds expected to increase its figures from £561 million to £700 million and Midland from £351 million to £425 million.

Still benefiting from the suggestion of lower interest rates, the publicly- quoted discount houses put up a strong showing. Union Discount, with figures due next month, led the way with a rise of 20p to 698p, followed by Cater Allen Holdings 17p to 310p, Gerrard & National 15p to 314p and King & Shaxson 4p to 140p.

Meanwhile, among the merchant banks, Morgan Grenfell continued to recover from its recent depression brought on by the reverberation of the Department of Trade and Industry's inquiry into Guinness. The price finished the day 11p higher at 374p, compared with a low for the year of 353p. Last week, the shares fell by more than 30p.

Selective support was also good for another 9p at 409p on rival Hill Samuel. The shares have been a firm market of late and there has been talk of a possible takeover bid by one of the big American banks.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
325	299	Allied-Lyons	322	327	+2	14.5	4.5	14.8	3,100
168	145	ASDA-MFI	153	157	-2	4.5	2.9	16.9	460
446	414	BET	443	448	+3	24.3	5.4	16.2	213
300	264	BTR	267	272	..	9.8	3.6	18.8	1,600
491	444	BAT	453	458	-4	18.4	4.0	11.9	2,000
517	465	Barclays	502	507	-10	28.1	5.6	7.3	2,700
762	703	Bass	728	738	-7	24.3	3.3	13.0	190
450	411	Beecham	441	446	+4	17.1	3.9	18.4	506
678	621	Blue Circle	672	677	-3	30.0	4.4	9.6	402
377	326	BOC	375	378	+4	15.4	4.1	14.7	484
241	219	Boots	236	239	+7	10.6	4.5	15.5	4,600
520	468	Br Aerospace	510	515	-3	23.4	4.6	10.8	699
66	61	Br Gas	63½	65½	-1	9.3	14.4	..	—
729	668	Br Petroleum	722	727	+2	48.5	6.7	7.9	1,600
216½	188	Br Telecom	209	213	-5	11.2	5.3	12.3	6,900
172	135	Bristol	169	171	..	9.3	5.5	4.6	3,100
293	256	Burton	284	288	-4	8.1	2.8	16.1	2,800
738	298	Cable & Wireless	323	330	-2	7.2	2.2	17.9	956
192	172	Cadbury Schweppes	186	189	+1	8.7	4.6	21.9	1,000
564	444	Coats Viyella	470	474	+8	17.9	3.8	14.1	680
284	257	Com Union	270	273	+3	17.4	6.4	..	2,100
704	553	Cons Goldfields	670	677	..	35.0	5.2	19.2	442
330	288	Courtaulds	311	314	+7	10.2	3.3	10.5	1,100
216	201	Das Corp	213	218	+2	10.6	4.9	17.5	3,200
350	301	Dixons Grp	318	322	..	4.3	1.3	22.8	1,900
650	409	Fisons	527	532	..	8.4	1.6	23.8	177
954	769	Gen Accident	813	820	+10	34.3	4.2	20.6	647
226	180	GEC	190	194	+3	6.3	3.3	12.0	8,600
11½	887	Glaxo	10⅝	10½	..	20.0	1.9	22.0	555
481	385	Grand Met	448	453	-6	14.6	3.2	13.0	1,200
11½	934	GUS 'A'	10¼	10⅝	..	31.4	3.0	14.4	67
953	757½	GRE	783	798	+8	42.5	5.4	22.8	170
385	235	GKN	274	277	+3	17.9	6.5	9.3	1,300
355	274	Guinness	282	287	-5	11.6	3.9	11.2	2,900
215½	158	Hanson	189	191	+2	6.1	3.2	12.1	4,800
523	403	Hawker Siddeley	458	464	+5	21.4	4.6	10.1	545
12⅞	882	Imp Chem Ind	10⅝	10¾	+⅛	48.6	4.5	12.0	572
583	360	Jaguar	545	550	+13	12.7	2.3	11.3	1,200
391	313	Ladbroke	383	388	+1	15.8	4.4	18.4	198
349	302	Land Securities	338	342	-1	14.5	4.3	22.8	443
789	133	Legal & Gen	257	262	-3	12.3	4.7	33.1	3,700
564	352	Lloyds	447	452	+5	25.0	5.6	7.2	725
301	198	Lonhro	246	248	..	17.1	6.9	12.2	235
231	169½	Marks & Spencer	181	184	+1	5.8	3.2	21.8	2,400
608	507	Midland	600	605	-2	37.1	6.2	22.4	880
925	447	Nat West	550	555	+5	27.6	5.0	5.8	668
578	481	P & O Dfrd	522	527	+2	28.4b	5.0	15.0	135
618	443	Pearson	606	613	-5	15.4	2.5	20.4	836
681	398	Pilkington Bros	633	638	-22	21.4	3.4	16.8	4,200
246	152	Plessey	180	184	-4	7.2	4.0	13.4	3,800
989	749	Prudential	808	815	+3	38.6	4.8	53.6	332
234	146	Racal Elect	187	188	-1½	4.3	2.3	19.6	3,500
588	457	Rank Org	523	527	+1	22.5	4.3	18.6	362
900	734	Reckitt & Coleman	863	867	-1	23.9	2.8	18.7	4
584½	379	Reuters	553	556	+5	5.4	1.0	42.0	864
791	532	RTZ	695	700	-1	31.4	4.5	9.2	224
540	365	Rowntree	405	408	-4	18.0	4.4	11.3	713
967	762	Royal Ins	848	852	+1	38.6	4.5	69.7	402
426	344	Sainsbury (J)	420	421	+½	8.4	2.0	24.4	448
148½	39	Sears	123	124½	..	5.0	4.0	16.0	6,400
395	300	Sedgwick Gp	315	317	+5	17.1	5.4	15.1	1,100
988	733	Shell	983	985	-1	51.4	5.2	9.7	815
262	112	Smith & Nephew	123	124	-½	3.5	2.8	21.1	30
177	122	STC	174	176	+1	2.1	1.2	16.2	1,700
894	547	Stan Chart	783	797	-2	45.4	5.8	9.8	199
385	256½	Storehouse	286	288	+1	11.0	3.8	15.3	747
772	610	Sun Alliance	655	660	+6	27.5	4.2	59.2	493
89	72	TSB P/P	76	77	-1	6.1	8.0	..	3,100
420	340	Tesco	393	397	-1	8.9	2.3	22.5	375
529	442	Thorn EMI	482	484	+2	25.0	5.2	35.3	1,600
330	133½	Trafalgar House	273	275	-2	18.9	6.9	10.2	486
196	139	Trusthouse Forte	178	180	-1	7.9	4.4	17.7	1,600
22	15	Unilever	21⅝	21¾	-⅛	60.1	2.8	19.9	170
269	218	Utd Biscuits	222	239	-½	13.6b	5.8	12.5	2,300
238	174	Wellcome	235	237	..	3.0	1.3	28.0	2,200
925	585	Woolworth	708	713	-2	22.9	3.2	16.3	194

COMMENT

US diet may damage importers' wealth

The biggest appetite in the international financial system belongs to the United States budget deficit. The crash programme to reduce that appetite — the Gramm Rudman diet — moved a stage further yesterday with the Reagan Administration's proposals for the 1988 budget.

And to judge by the White House's package, the strictness of the diet is already encouraging a certain amount of cheating. To reach the target of $108 billion for the fiscal 1988 budget deficit, the Administration has followed a familiar path.

There are spending cuts of $18.7 billion, within a $42.4 billion deficit-reducing package, cuts which will almost certainly prove unacceptable to Congress. They are concentrated in health and social spending.

There are additional revenues of $22.4 billion built into the package, but with the proviso that there will be no increase in taxation. Instead, the new revenues come from such devices as a reduction in cheating on tax and sales of assets such as the Naval Petroleum Reserve.

It is, in short, a hotchpotch of measures with one aim, and one aim only — to put the ball back in Congress's court. If Congress throws out the budget, it has to come up with alternative deficit-reducing measures, but measures which do not involve politically unpopular tax increases.

Congress could, of course, endeavour to overturn Gramm-Rudman, and there is a strong body of opinion in Washington which says that a 1988 deficit of $130 billion-$140 billion is more appropriate than the $108 billion official target. Now that the deficit is on the way down (the fiscal 1986 outturn was $221 billion), there may be little to gain from reducing it too quickly.

There is a danger for the rest of the world in the budget battle shaping up. Having cajoled Washington into doing something about the deficit, other countries may now have to start paying for it.

There is a good chance that one of Congress's responses to the Reagan budget will be to propose an oil import fee — a tax charge on imported oil. There is also a chance, admittedly a somewhat slimmer one, that enough support will be gathered for a general tax on imports, in line with recent Congressional moves on imported wine and spirits.

The Administration will clearly resist such moves, as the Treasury Secretary, James Baker, reaffirmed yesterday. But Mr Baker also repeated his call for faster growth in Germany and Japan. As long as his calls fall on deaf ears, the possibilities of further protectionist moves in Washington, apparently killing the trade and budget deficits with one stone, will grow.

Lawson's good intentions

Nigel Lawson's wish to explore new routes by which long-term risk capital can be channeled through to British industry is entirely praiseworthy. However, the specific road along which he urges the City to travel is full of pitfalls.

The Chancellor reportedly wants the City to change its rules to allow companies to raise capital direct from new shareholders rather than use more traditional methods which give preference to the existing owners of a company.

Initial reactions suggest that the idea is far more likely to appeal to those sitting on the benches behind the Chancellor rather than to shareholders or those faced with the decision on which funding method to choose.

The Chancellor's enthusiasm for wider share ownership is well chronicled.

But the idea of going over the heads of existing shareholders to a wider public without extensive safeguards is ultimately self-defeating. The whole emphasis of the Companies Act means that when offering securities for cash, a company must first offer them pro-rata to existing shareholders.

That is a fine general principle, already under attack from within the City by those who stand to benefit financially from its abandonment, and without from companies which prefer the speed, simplicity and cost-effectiveness of other methods. It should not be further weakened without excellent reason.

The insurance industry has already sought to restrain the enthusiasm of certain securities houses for some of the newer approaches. These can damage the investment of existing shareholders, especially Sid and his fellow small shareholders by diluting their investment.

Even these modest concessions deny existing shareholders the right to subscribe for new shares, which have a value and can be traded at the wish of the shareholder.

The drawbacks therefore in the Chancellor's proposals are simply these. In cases of large-scale issues they would damage small shareholders and eventually the image of wider share ownership itself. In small issues where the dilution factor was modest, both companies and their advisers would prefer the quick, cheap bought deal to the cumbersome offer to a wider public involving a propsectus, armies of advisers, and high costs relative to the sums raised.

W German growth to slow

Hamburg (Reuter) — West Germany's economic growth will slow this year as the rate of increase in investment and private spending drops, the HWWA economic research institute reported. But the gross national product (GNP) will rise by an unchanged and real 2.5 per cent as the economy benefited at the start of this year from above-average growth in the final quarter of 1986.

The government should bring forward to this year those tax cuts planned for 1988 to counter the expected slowing of economic activity, the institute claimed.

The HWWA — with the country's four other leading economic institutes — called for early tax cuts in the autumn. But Bonn says it has no plans to introduce the tax programme earlier than scheduled. The HWWA report said private consumption in 1987 would rise by a sizeable 3.5 per cent, but noted this would still be lower than 1986's 4 per cent.

Investment on equipment, which rose by a real 6.5 per cent last year, looks set to increase by 6 per cent, it said, blaming the expected slowdown on lower company profits and reduced capacity usage in some sectors of industry.

The HWWA said private spending would begin strongly in 1987, particularly as consumers would have more money to spend early in the year because natural gas prices had been adjusted to reflected last year's dramatic slump in oil prices.

But the effect of this will lessen during 1987, leading to an overall slower rate of growth in consumer spending. The report urged the government to take several specific steps to stimulate further growth and create more jobs.

These included cutting government subsidies, reducing regulation and incidental wage costs and promoting a greater differentiation in wages. The HWWA noted that Bonn had already made progress in correcting other structural economic problems by consolidating state finances and introducing a first phase of tax cuts at the beginning of 1986.

TEMPUS

Why FNFC shares attract a low rating

There are at least two possible explanations as to why the the shares of the First National Finance Corporation are on a low rating.

The first is historical. Memories are long and there is a body of opinion which is fearful that having escaped the oblivion of the 1973 property collapse, the group could now be steaming into another overheated property market.

Such fears are likely to prove groundless. The nature of FNFC's lending business is now such that it is no longer exposed to property values in the way that it was when it was lending on commercial property.

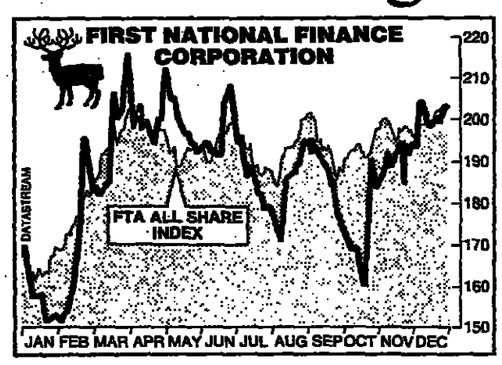
The core of its business is now in second mortgages and home improvement loans where the ability to repay is linked to the borrower's income rather than to the value of the property.

Herein lies the second possible reason why FNFC's shares are lowly rated. Consumer credit appears to be going out of hand. With only minimal identification, it seems that anyone who can produce evidence of having a bank account can run up thousands of pounds of credit on store credit cards.

FNFC is not in this type of business either. It screens potential borrowers carefully, lends only to home owners and seeks documentary evidence of income.

Nevertheless, the quality of the group's consumer loans is crucial in that this source now contributes by far the greater part of its pretax profit. And if the borrower over-extends himself by the easy availability of additional alternative sources of credit there could be some risk to FNFC, although it will be protected to the extent that it has a second mortgage on the borrower's property.

The group's profit performance should help investor confidence. Profit before tax jumped 65 per cent to a record £36.4 million in the twelve months to October 31, 1986. A subnormal tax charge, a legacy of tax losses dating back to the 1973 property collapse, and recovery of Advance Corporation Tax previously written off as irrecoverable ensured that no tax was charged last year, allowing earnings per share to advance by 66 per cent.



This year, pretax profit should increase to £45 million. However a rising tax charge, although still subnormal at an estimated 15 per cent, will leave earnings per share little changed at 28p on the enlarged share capital.

The shares rose 14p on these results but at the current price of 217p, the prospective multiple is still an undemanding 7.7 while the prospective yield is approaching 4.5 per cent.

The shares look good value.

Brent Chemicals

The announcement today of the acquisition of the US speciality chemicals manufacturer J & S Laboratories, just days after the completion of the acquisition of a French packaging chemicals company, is another logical step towards the achievement of Brent Chemicals International's worldwide ambitions.

Strategically, the group is concentrating on building up its presence in activities with above average growth prospects, while increasing its exposure to overseas markets from the present 53 per cent to 60 per cent.

It has identified four main high growth activities which together account for half of the group's turnover. They are printed circuits (9 per cent), aerospace (16 per cent), defence (4 per cent), and packaging (21 per cent).

As this acquistion demonstrates, speciality chemicals companies do not come cheap. If the present and future payments of $5.2 million are discounted to their present value, they amount to a net $3.65 million after tax, implying an exit p/e of 14.

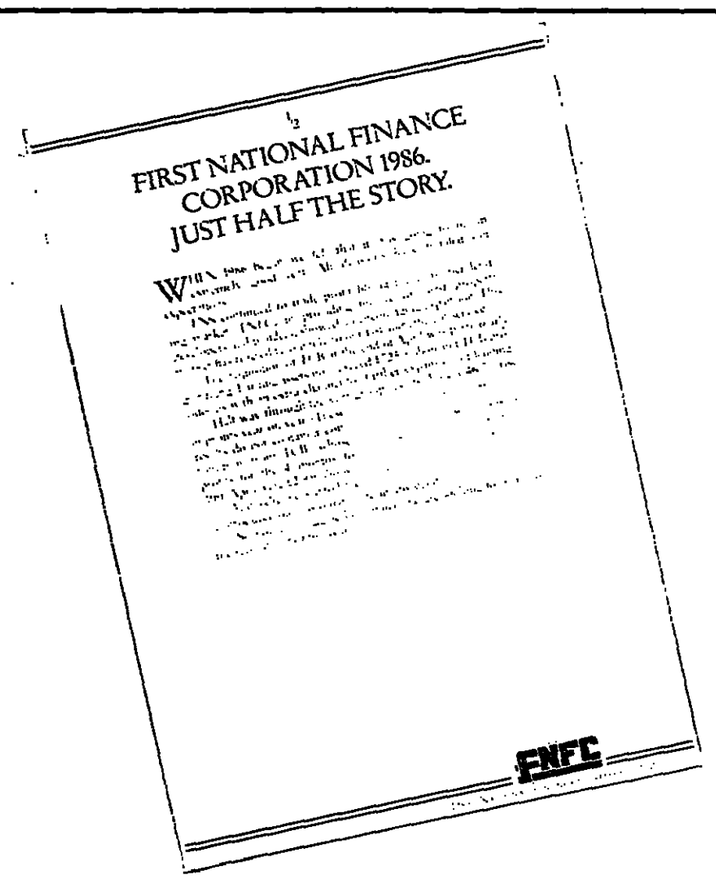
The net book value of the tangible assets acquired is $690,000 and there will be a goodwill write-off in Brent's 1986 accounts of about £1.5 million, reducing net assets from £20 million to £18.5 million.

Essentially, Brent is buying J & S's name, its market position, some technology, its sales force and reputation.

Despite the high cost, Brent will be looking to buy more speciality chemicals companies with particular emphasis on Germany.

Future acquisitions will be small, with turnover in the £3 million to £10 million range mainly because the specialist markets tend to be small, and also because it is small companies which often have above average growth prospects.

Brent's preliminary 1986 results will be announced towards the end of March. Analysts are looking for a little more than £7 million, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of 14.8, which still leaves something to go for.



The second half has proved even better.

As we expected, First National Finance Corporation has gone from strength to strength in the second half of the year.

It's partly because of the increased profit generated by our successful acquisition of TCB in April. But even without that extra input we've shown exceptional growth.

Profits have reached a record high and are 65% higher than last year. Earnings per share are up by 66%. Earning assets are over £800 million. And we are returning to a full year of dividends.

This success has been across all our divisions. First National Securities has been trading even more profitably in consumer lending and we have continued to expand our commercial lending and property development activities.

We are looking forward to continued growth in business activity and profitability.

Full year results to 31st October	1986	1985
Profit before taxation	£36,426,000	£22,068,000
Taxation	(£322,000) Cr.	£1,502,000
Preference Dividends	£1,599,000	-
Earnings per share	27.4p	16.5p
Dividends per Ordinary share net of tax credit	6.39p	2.8p

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Capital Trust	229.5	240.1	+3.1	2.88
Balanced	350.0	362.7	+4.5	3.00
Accum Trust	548.7	582.2	+8.6	3.21
American Income	31.9	34.0	+2.0	4.38
High Income Tst	257.0	272.4	+3.7	4.87
Equity Income	182.4	191.2	+1.0	5.09
High Yield	148.1	157.0	+2.1	5.38
Gilt Secs Trust	27.9	29.0	+0.6	9.53
International	91.4	97.4	+2.6	0.63
Japan Fund Inc	122.0	129.9	+1.5	0.01
Pacific Trust	202.2	215.3	+2.1	0.83
Amer Spcl Sits	65.0	69.2	+3.1	1.46
Seas Of Amer Tst	190.5	209.2	+10.0	0.08
Aid Assets Value	235.4	249.5	+3.8	3.41
Cons & Gtd Tst	34.5	36.4	+0.5	3.10
Smaller Co's	129.8	137.7●	+0.5	3.13
2nd Smaller Co's	168.5	179.5	+2.0	2.27
Recovery Trust	84.3	89.4	+1.5	2.09

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Capital Growth Inc	58.0	61.1	-0.1	1.56
Do Accum	67.6	72.5	-0.2	1.56
Ryl Tst Prfd & Deprcte Beam	159.2	163.5	-2.4	0.74
Do 5% Withdrawal	78.4	83.8	-1.3	0.74
Finance & Property	71.4	76.3	-0.3	3.82
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	47.1	49.7	-0.8	6.21
Income	80.3	84.5	-0.3	10.77
Equity Income	79.19	84.50	+1.45	4.51
Do Accum	197.3	209.3	+3.5	4.51
High Yield Income	77.9	82.3	+1.3	6.50
Do Accum	210.4	223.0	+3.5	6.50
Int Income	83.6	89.4	+2.5	2.10
Do Accum	95.8	91.7	+2.5	2.10
Do 5% Withdrwl	77.5	82.9	+2.5	2.10
Managed Fund	98.2	98.7	-0.3	-
Preference Income	27.5	29.4	-0.9	10.56
Do Accum	92.0	98.3	-3.0	10.56
Ryl Tst Gold Co's	85.7	91.1	-0.1	2.34
Portfolio Tst UK	70.6	73.3	+1.0	0.42
Portfolio Tst Japan	100.5	104.1	-0.6	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	69.4	71.9	+2.5	1.03
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Pfsnl Pens UK	201.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	159.7	169.9	-7.4	0.00
BG Energy	166.5	177.2	+3.0	1.91
BG Income Growth	202.5	215.3	+2.5	5.30
BG Japan	194.7	206.3	..	0.00
BG Technology	145.7	155.1	-6.8	0.00

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
25/26 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-491 0295

Americas	48.7	49.7	-1.8	0.66
Australian	22.9	24.4	-0.4	2.16
Japan & General	113.9	120.4	+0.5	0.66
High Income	45.2	48.1	+0.3	5.84
International Trust	84.7	90.2	-2.5	1.41
Income Growth Tst	49.8	53.1	+0.5	3.47
Gilts & Fixed Int	39.4	21.8c	+1.1	10.37
Global Earnings	44.3	47.2	-1.2	1.94
Special Situations	44.3	47.2	-0.5	1.31

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	83.4	89.2	-5.8	1.58
Aust Accum	186.8	197.4	-2.0	0.88
Do Income	131.8	139.2	-1.4	0.88
Capital	71.3	75.4	+0.7	3.00
Exempt Trust	434.9	460.2	+4.2	4.18
Extra Income	78.4	83.6	+0.8	5.45
Financial	233.7	247.3●	+1.5	3.03
500	273.9	289.8	+3.6	3.12
General	141.8	150.1	+1.9	3.19
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.7	54.2●	+0.1	11.10
Japan & Gen Inc	166.2	175.8	-1.7	0.00
Do Acc	166.1	177.8	-1.7	0.00
Growth Accum	181.1	191.6	+0.5	2.25
Income Trust	343.8	363.7	+1.5	3.89
Leisure Trust	81.0	85.7c	+1.0	1.53
Special Situations	145.3	153.7	+1.6	2.36
Recovery	201.6	213.3	+4.0	2.66
Trustee Fund	106.9	113.1	+1.7	3.00
Unv Tech Accum	83.8	88.9	-1.5	0.05
Do Income	83.3	88.4	-1.5	0.05
Worldwide Trust	148.1	156.7c	-3.4	1.12
"B" Tst Inv Fund Acc	342.8	362.7	+4.9	2.34
Do Inc	218.9	231.5	+3.0	3.34

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XD
01-658 6000

Australia	77.4	84.6	-1.6	0.00
Eastern	73.4	78.5	-0.9	0.30
Equity Income	58.5	63.4	+0.3	5.80
Europe	136.4	147.8	-1.3	1.00
Growth & Inc	85.7	89.3	+0.7	3.00
Japan Special	111.5	119.2	+0.7	0.30
Japan Sunrise	93.5	105.0	+2.2	0.30
First Europe	119.4	127.0	-1.3	0.80
First Japan	84.9	87.5	-1.0	0.10
First N Amer	47.5	52.4	-3.0	1.10
First Smaller Co's	68.4	72.7	+0.7	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	60.2	63.5	-2.8	1.05
Do Accum	61.5	64.9	-3.0	1.05
European Inc	102.3	107.9●	-1.4	1.22
Do Accum	102.3	107.9●	-1.4	1.22
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	23.0	24.3	+0.5	2.22
Do Accum	29.6	31.2	+0.7	2.22
General Inc	168.6	178.0c	+2.7	2.89
Do Accum	231.1	243.8c	+3.7	2.89
Gilt Yield Inc	108.3	111.6	+1.5	10.37
Do Accum	178.5	183.9	+2.5	10.37
High Yield Inc	94.1	98.3	+1.2	5.58
Do Accum	191.1	201.5	+2.3	5.58
Int Rec Inc	105.8	111.6●	-0.4	1.99
Do Accum	111.8	117.9●	-0.5	1.99
Japan Inc	240.4	253.6	-1.3	0.24
Do Accum	242.1	255.4	-1.2	0.24
Japanese Spec Inc	111.0	117.1	+0.3	0.08
Do Accum	111.4	117.5	+0.3	0.08
N American Inc	48.1	50.7●	-1.3	3.02
Do Accum	56.0	59.1●	-1.5	0.79
Pacific Inc	140.6	148.5	-0.9	0.58
Do Accum	158.6	167.5	-1.0	0.58
Planned Investment	135.9	142.5	+0.2	4.10
Smaller Co's Inc	88.5	93.4●	+0.5	0.96
Do Accum	105.7	111.5	+1.1	0.96
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	27.7	29.2	+0.5	1.40
Do Accum	42.7	45.2	+0.8	1.40
Worldwide Tech Inc	42.3	44.6	+0.5	1.62
Do Accum	42.7	45.0	+0.5	1.62
KB High Yield Inc	134.3	141.7	+1.9	5.48
Do Accum	226.8	239.3	+3.2	5.48

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BROWN SHIPLEY
Q17, Pennymount Rd, Hayleigh Heath
0444 458144

Financial	135.6	148.1	+0.2	2.43
Smaller Co's Acc	243.5	258.7	+4.2	-
Do Income	154.9	163.9	+2.7	0.98
High Income	98.0	72.7	+2.3	5.84
Income	73.1	85.5	+0.9	4.82
Main Portfolio Inc	98.9	71.6	+1.0	2.91
Do Acc	113.0	120.8	+1.5	-
North American	54.5	59.2	-1.3	1.12
Orient	95.1	101	+1.1	0.23

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	51.9	54.9	-0.2	3.90
General Inc (4)	223.2	235.0	+2.4	2.49
Do Accum (4)	263.7	280.1	+2.4	2.49
Income Fund (3)	104.3	109.9	+0.7	5.03
Do Accum (3)	166.4	194.6	+1.4	5.03
Intl Inc (2)	135.7	141.9	-1.6	0.97
Do Accum (2)	180.8	188.8	-2.1	0.97
Smaller Inc (5)	61.2	65.5●	+1.0	2.51
Do Accum (5)	66.4	70.4●	+1.1	2.51

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148

CS Japan Fund	84.3	89.7●	-0.9	0.56

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley. HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	295.5	312.7●	+0.2	2.90
Income	243.4	258.4●	+0.8	4.51
Far East	245.5	259.8	+0.6	0.24
North American	146.9	155.5	-1.7	0.69
Global	151.8	161.8	-1.3	0.96
European	97.6	60.9	+2.1	1.23
Japan	91.7	94.7	..	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	373.0	398.9	+3.2	1.78
Income	287.8	308.2	+2.5	4.85
North American	288.5	304.8	+2.1	1.21

CATER ALLEN
1, King Williams St, EC4N 7AU
01-623 6314

Gtr Trust		90.5	-0.8	..

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund		413.55	..	4.52
Fixed Int		131.3	..	10.88
Deposit		100.0	..	10.50

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
01-73 Borough Hall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6822

S & C Special Sits	57.3	60.6	+4.0	0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income		384.68	..	4.84
Accum		£11.157	..	..
Deposit		100.0	..	10.75

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Growth	23.8	25.0	-1.2	1.90
Equity High Income	44.8	47.2	+0.7	4.40
European Growth	31.6	33.5	-0.5	2.00
General Equity	39.4	41.7	+0.4	2.60
Gnd & Fixed Int Gth	23.8	25.2	+0.2	9.92
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.7	25.0	+0.6	9.50
Int Inc Tst	25.7	27.3	-0.4	5.00
Japan Growth	34.4	36.5	-0.4	0.00
Pedgree Gth	24.6	26.1	+0.2	2.50

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

Energy Trust	48.8	51.6	-0.4	4.06
Extra Income	168.5	178.4●	-1.8	5.24
Financial	178.0	188.4c	+2.4	2.20
Gilt Strategy	98.7	58.5●	+0.1	1.86
Growth Investment	269.9	305.8c	+2.8	2.51
Income & Growth	42.4	44.8●	+0.4	3.70
Japanese Growth	189.0	200.1	-2.9	0.82
Nth Amer Growth	99.6	105.5	-2.3	1.54
Intl Recovery	115.6	122.5	+0.6	2.16
Smaller Co's	228.7	242.1	-1.0	5.57
Global Inc Tst	60.3	63.9	-1.0	5.57
Special Sits Acc	295.5	312.8	+1.4	1.45

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

High Income Trust	258.0	274.5	+4.7	4.78
Growth Trust	229.2	243.8	+2.7	2.65
American Trust	121.5	129.3	+0.2	0.77

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07535 44424

UK Income	49.0	52.4	+1.0	4.72
UK Growth Accum	50.7	54.2	+1.3	2.41
Do Dist	50.7	54.2	+1.3	2.41
European Growth	59.1	63.2	+1.3	1.86
Pacific Growth	85.3	59.1	-0.4	0.61

CUTER ALLEN
1, King Williams St. EC4N 7AU
01-623 6314

Gtr Trust		90.5	-0.8	..

DARTMOUTH MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-229 3492

American Fund	68.6	73.0	-2.8	1.37
Capital Fund	103.0	109.6	+1.2	1.55
Growth & Inc Fund	134.5	143.2	+1.6	4.36
High Dist Fund	113.6	120.9	+1.3	5.58
International Fund	209.2	222.7	-2.8	1.01
Responsible Fund	25.0	26.6	+0.2	0.38
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.3	36.5	..	0.00
Tokyo Fund	159.8	170.5	-2.2	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	140.5	144.3	+0.6	2.07
(Ex) Japan (3)	110.6	113.5	-1.5	0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	331.9	340.9	-4.2	0.28
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	198.5	204.0	-1.8	0.10
Eurofund	28.5	30.3●	-1.0	3.30

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	72.0	76.4	+1.1	3.10
Do Accum	73.9	78.4	+1.2	3.09
UK Growth Accum	91.5	97.1	+1.1	2.11
UK High Inc Inc	69.5	73.7	+0.8	4.74
N American Accum	65.2	69.5	+0.6	0.77
Far Eastern Accum	113.1	117.7	-1.5	0.86
European Accum	90.8	96.9	-1.5	1.19
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	52.1	55.3	+1.4	8.86
Do Accum	55.4	58.8	+1.5	8.33

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-66988

Endurance		111.5	118.7	+0.8 3.01

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5685

Equitable Pelican	77.4	82.4	+1.0	3.37
High Income Trust	77.1	82.1	+1.0	5.51
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.1	54.4c	+1.2	8.76
Tst Of Inv Trusts	73.6	78.4	+0.2	1.91
Special Sits Trust	78.3	83.4	-2.7	0.09
Nth Amer Trust	57.2	60.5	-2.5	1.74
Far Eastern Trust	97.9	104.2	-1.5	0.44
Intl Growth	54.4	57.9	-2.1	1.11

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD
0203 553631

UK Growth Accum	153.4	163.1	+1.2	3.23

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Do Income	131.5	139.8	+1.0	5.23
Higher Inc Accum	228.4	274.8	+2.5	4.99
Do Income	204.1	217.1	+2.4	4.99
Gilt-Fixed Accum	95.8	101.8	+1.3	8.89
Do Income	90.0	94.2	+1.2	8.89
Nth Amer Tst Accum	139.4	148.2	+1.6	0.78
Far East Tst Accum	175.9	187.1	-2.6	0.07
Euro Tst Accum	172.4	183.4	+2.2	0.71
General Trust	242.4	257.8	+1.1	3.34

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	68.0	72.4	-2.4	-
Capital Fund	112.4	119.6	-0.7	0.03
UK Income Fund	79.2	84.3	+1.1	4.97
Far Eastern Fund	75.1	73.9	-1.1	0.00
Overseas Income	73.0	77.7	-2.4	3.47
Fixed Interest	55.1	58.7	+0.6	9.93
Natural Res Fund	84.5	90.5	-1.6	0.00
European Income	85.0	90.5	-1.5	2.88
Financials Fund	48.4	51.5	-0.8	2.91

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Balanced Gth Inc	44.5	47.3	+0.1	1.40
Do Accum	45.4	48.3	+0.1	-
Income Gth Inc	40.5	43.1	+0.2	5.30
Do Accum	43.4	46.2	+0.3	-
Service Co's Inc	51.5	54.8	+0.3	1.00
Do Accum	52.4	55.7	+0.3	..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

American	102.0	108.6	-2.5	0.88
Amer Equity Income	93.5	99.5	-2.2	0.88
Amer Special Sits	51.9	55.2	-1.0	0.00
Australasia	32.7	34.7	-0.3	0.00
European	46.5	49.6	-0.8	0.00
Far East Inc	28.3	30.1	-0.5	0.00
Gilt & Fixed Int	29.1	30.9●	+0.1	9.91
Growth & Income	96.0	102.3	+1.7	4.64
Japan Special Sits	39.2	41.7	-0.7	..
Japan Trust	151.2	160.9	-2.5	0.00
Managed Int	141.8	150.9	-1.3	0.36
Max Income Equity	85.2	90.6	+1.4	5.38
Professional Gth	94.5	100.5	+0.9	0.00
South East Asia	42.4	45.2	-0.3	0.00
Special Sits	175.5	186.9	+2.4	0.46

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 5AN
01-638 5858

American Exempt	£347.5	353.4	-17.48	1.47
Japan Exempt	£458.4	467.6	-6.17	0.63
Am Property Tst	$10000.0	..	..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0	..	..	5.00

FRASLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-638 5161

Amer & Gen Inc	202.8	214.6	-5.7	..
Do Accum	207.8	219.2	-5.8	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	186.4	206.6	-7.7	1.26
Do Accum	202.8	224.8	-8.1	1.26
Capital Tst Inc	213.4	223.4	+0.7	2.23
Do Accum	250.0	275.0	+10.7	2.23
Conv & Gtt Inc	89.2	94.2	+1.2	5.36
Do Accum	129.8	137.1	+1.7	5.36
Extra Inc Tst Inc	171.4	181.2	+1.6	4.48
Do Accum	185.2	196.8	+2.4	4.48
Income Trust	122.6	129.6	+1.4	4.84
Do Accum	131.4	139.0	+1.5	4.84
Intl Growth Fd Inc	158.0	167.2	-3.5	0.07
Do Accum	178.0	188.2	-3.9	0.07
Japan & Gen Inc	94.2	99.6	-0.8	0.00
Do Accum	96.2	100.6	-0.8	0.00
Monthly Inc Fd	96.5	91.6	+0.7	4.62
Recovery	146.8	155.2	+0.4	1.46
Do Accum	158.6	168.8	+0.4	1.46
European Inc	67.6	71.4	-1.0	0.83
Do Accum	74.5	78.7	-1.1	0.83
Financial Inc	47.4	50.0	-0.9	1.06
Do Accum	47.4	50.0	-0.9	1.06

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

FP Equity Dist	202.9	215.3	+3.9	2.72
Do Accum	341.7	362.7	+5.6	2.72
FP Fixed Int Dist	107.5	114.3	+2.4	8.29
Do Accum	135.6	144.2	+3.0	8.29
Stewardship Dist	176.0	188.4	+3.2	1.66
Do Accum	185.3	196.7	+3.3	1.66
FP American	121.7	129.0●	+0.6	1.16
FP Pacific Basin	178.1	180.3●	+1.5	0.39

FUNDS IN COURT
Pixlex Trustee Kingsway WC2
01-405 4300

Capreal	373.0	374.8	+3.9	2.67
Grass Inc	155.8	156.4	-1.9	7.51
High Yield	229.7	231.7	+1.7	5.82

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq. London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Special Sits	60.0	63.8	-1.4	1.20
UK Cap Fnd Inc	103.7	110.4	+1.8	2.70
Do Accum	149.0	158.6	+2.6	2.70
Income Fund	79.9	84.5	+0.6	6.00
Pension Exempt	187.3	195.2	+0.5	1.70
International	172.2	183.2	-4.0	0.90
US & General	51.2	54.5	-1.4	1.20
Tech & Growth	60.0	63.8	-1.4	1.20
Japan & General	245.3	260.9	-1.7	0.10
Far East & Gen	122.8	130.5	-0.8	0.40
European Fund	277.4	295.1	+0.8	0.80
Germany Fund	77.3	82.2	+0.3	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	50.7	54.0	-0.6	4.80

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5765 Dealing 01-623 5806

American Trust	82.2	87.3	-3.2	0.70
Australian Trust	27.0	28.7	+0.1	0.14
British Tst Accum	64.3	68.3	+0.5	1.74
Do Dist	55.7	59.2	+0.5	1.74
Commodity Share	70.7	75.0	-1.9	1.70
Dollar Trust	58.8	62.4	-1.3	0.00
Extra Income Trust	51.1	54.3	+0.5	5.19
Far Eastern Trust	147.0	156.0	-2.2	0.08
Fixed Interest Fund	25.8	27.2	+0.1	9.75
Intl Fixed Int Tst	25.1	26.6	+0.1	9.20
Global Fund Accum	184.4	195.7	-3.9	0.30
Do Dist	175.4	186.2	-3.6	0.30
Gold Share Trust	18.6	17.7	-0.3	1.28
Hedged Americas	98.0	104.0	-1.8	0.59
High Income Trust	148.6	157.7	+1.3	5.72
Hong Kong Trust	38.7	41.0	+0.2	1.20
Income Fund	81.3	86.3	+1.1	3.00
Insurance Agencies	253.2	268.8	-4.1	0.91
Japan Trust	134.7	143.0	-3.0	0.00
Managed Exempt	262.9	273.0	+0.6	2.19
Oil & Energy Trust	37.4	39.7	-0.5	2.70
Special Sits Trust	103.9	110.3	+2.1	0.78
World Wide Fund	112.1	119.0	+1.4	1.20

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620

Intl Growth	87.5	93.0	-0.4	1.13
American Growth	61.7	65.6	-1.3	0.65
American Inc	66.0	70.1	-1.4	0.00
European Growth	240.8	256.1	-3.4	0.43
Gold & Minerals	46.4	49.6	-1.1	0.88
Japan Growth	152.1	162.6	-4.2	..

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9393

Gilt & Fixed Int	115.2	119.7	+3.0	8.35
Growth Equity	201.0	212.7	+1.6	2.04
Guaranteed	279.5	288.6	+1.9	2.85
N American	133.2	140.3	+0.3	0.00
Pacific	285.8	281.3	-2.7	0.09
Property Share	278.0	295.3	+1.7	1.35
Smaller Companies	221.4	234.3	+1.8	1.88
European Trust	270.4	288.2	-3.1	0.89

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 642, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

High Income	51.2	55.0	+0.3	6.45

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N Amer Trust	108.5	115.5	-5.4	0.77
Recovery	239.5	254.8	+2.9	1.50
Gilt Trust	37.7	39.1	+1.0	8.25
Sit Vincent Inc	87.9	93.2	+1.6	5.89
Sit Vincent US Gth	68.6	72.7	-1.5	0.00
Temple Bar Sm Co's	187.1	197.4	..	3.42
Euro Gth Tst	47.7	50.5	-1.5	0.88

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	BTR	Industrials A-D	
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3	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
4	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
6	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
7	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
8	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
9	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
10	SNIA BPD	Chemicals,Plas	
11	Ass Br Eng 8%	Industrials A-D	
12	Nat West	Banks,Discount	
13	Thames TV	Cinemas,TV	
14	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
15	Tomkins (FH)	Industrials S-Z	
16	Blick	Electricals	
17	Barmah	Oil	
18	Parrish JT	Industrials L-R	
19	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
20	Bibby (J)	Industrials A-D	
21	Br Mohair	Textiles	
22	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
23	Pressac	Electricals	
24	Chesterfield	Property	
25	BSR	Electricals	
26	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	
27	Hunterprint	Paper,Print,Adv	
28	Wade Pomeries	Industrials S-Z	
29	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
30	Crystalhue	Electricals	
31	Grampian Hldgs	Industrials E-K	
32	AC	Motors,Aircraft	
33	Powell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
34	Marler Est	Property	
35	Cliffords Dairies	Foods	
36	Int Thomson	Newspaper,Pubs	
37	Zetters	Leisure	
38	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
39	Bunzl	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Phoenix Timber	Building,Roads	
41	Aus Oil & Gas	Oil	
42	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
43	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
44	Utd Newspapers	Newspaper,Pubs	

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1986 High	1986 Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. daily yield%	Gross Red. yield%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100	99½	Exch 13¼% 1987	100⅛		13.2	8.999
100⅝	95⅞	Treas 10¼% 1987	99⅞		10.5	11.317
99⅝	94⅝	Exch 12½% 1987	99		12.5	9.174
98⅝	93½	Exch 10½% 1987	98⅝		10.5	11.642
98	94⅛	Fund 9½% 1986-87	97⅞		9.5	9.660
101¼	95⅝	Treas 10% 1987	99⅝		10.0	10.648
97⅞	93⅛	Treas 3% 1987	97⅛		3.1	6.592
104⅛	94⅛	Treas 12% 1987	100⅞		11.9	10.959
99⅛	96⅛	Treas 3½% 1985-88	97⅝		2.9	10.000
104⅛	99⅝	Exch 10½% 1988	99⅝		10.5	10.722
102⅝	98⅛	Treas 9½% 1988	99⅛		9.5	10.726
98⅝	91½	Treas 3% 1979-82	96⅝		3.1	6.788
102⅝	98⅛	Treas 9½% 1989	98⅝		9.6	10.728
107⅛	99⅞	Treas 11¾% 1989	101⅝		11.5	10.764
105⅝	99⅛	Treas 10½% 1989	99⅝		10.5	10.713
104⅛	98⅝	Exch 10% 1989	99⅝		10.5	10.716
111⅛	98⅝	Treas 10½% 1989	99⅝		10.5	10.772
100⅝	95⅝	Exch 11% 1989	100⅛		10.5	10.706
105⅝	97⅝	Treas 9½% 1989-92	99⅝		9.5	9.535
103⅝	95⅝	Treas C9¼% 1990	99⅝		9.2	10.729
98⅝	90⅝	Treas 3% 1990	94⅝		3.1	6.379
114⅛	97⅝	Treas 13% 1990	109⅝		12.9	10.735
86⅝	79⅝	Exch 9¼% 1990	85⅝		9.1	9.145
108⅝	99⅝	Treas 11¾% 1991	103⅝		11.5	10.735
113⅝	103⅝	Exch 13¼% 1991	109⅝		12.1	10.939
106	98⅝	Treas 12% 1991	102⅝		11.7	10.709
121⅛	98⅝	Treas 13¾% 1991	109⅝		11.5	10.626
91⅝	81⅝	Fund 9% 1992-96	89⅝		9.0	9.610
128	105⅝	Treas 13¾% 1992	119		11.5	10.670
133⅛	104⅝	Treas 13¾% 1992	118		12.2	10.656
122⅛	100⅝	Treas 12¾% 1992	108		11.5	10.712
127⅛	98⅝	Treas 13¼% 1992	113⅝		11.8	10.736
120⅛	98⅝	Treas 12% 1992	107⅝		11.2	10.613
76⅝	71⅝	Exch 9% 1992-95	75⅝		9.0	9.897
110⅝	90⅝	Treas 13¼% 1993	98⅝		13.4	10.575
123⅝	101⅝	Treas 14% 1993	115⅝		11.8	10.734
103⅝	85⅝	Treas 9½% 1993-96	85⅝		9.6	10.763
142⅝	114	Treas 13¾% 1994	125⅝		11.4	10.552
84⅝	76⅝	Exch 9% 1994	82⅝		9.7	9.852
166⅝	135⅝	Conv 10% 1996	156⅝		10.5	10.551
131	105⅝	Treas 13¼% 1996	115⅝		11.4	10.614
112⅝	93⅝	Exch 10¼% 1997	99⅝		10.5	10.591
101⅝	83⅝	Treas 9% 1997	88⅝		9.7	10.388
142⅝	113⅝	Exch 13¼% 1997	125⅝		11.8	10.615
88⅝	71	Treas 8½% 1994-98	86⅝		10.2	10.478
107⅝	87⅝	Treas 12% 1998	102⅝		11.8	10.744
134⅝	101⅝	Exch 13¾% 1998	125⅝		11.8	10.554
107⅝	86⅝	Treas 10½% 1998	97⅝		10.8	10.539
128⅝	104⅝	Treas 12¾% 1998	117⅝		11.9	10.555
114	93⅝	Conv 10¾% 1998	100⅝		10.8	10.439
99⅝	81	Conv 9¾% 1998	90⅝		10.8	10.459
120⅝	105⅝	Treas 12¾% 1998	113⅝		11.0	10.559
98	85⅝	Conv 9¾% 2001	91⅝		10.8	10.708
117⅝	93⅝	Conv 9¾% 2002	97⅝		10.8	10.722

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111⅝	90⅝	Conv 10% 2002	98⅝		10.2	10.256
134⅝	99⅝	Treas 13¾% 2002-06	128⅝		10.7	10.542
109⅝	88⅝	Treas 9¾% 2003	99⅝		9.8	9.811
119⅝	91⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	112⅝		10.5	10.305
138⅛	110⅝	Treas 13¾% 2003-05	132⅝		10.4	10.410
123⅝	100⅝	Treas 11¾% 2004-08	116⅝		10.1	10.379
112⅝	91⅝	Treas 10¾% 2004	104⅝		10.3	10.184
69⅝	47⅝	Fund 4¾% 2004-08	64⅝		7.4	9.575
92⅝	74⅝	Treas 8¾% 2004	86⅝		10.2	10.144
116⅝	87⅝	Treas 9% 2005	108⅝		10.3	10.153
117⅝	93⅝	Treas 10¼% 2005-08	111⅝		10.3	10.136
134⅝	105⅝	Treas 12¾% 2005-09	127⅝		10.3	10.283
105⅝	85⅝	Treas 9% 1987-92	99⅝		9.0	10.559
104⅝	84⅝	Treas 8¾% 1987-92	98⅝		8.9	10.563
94⅝	76⅝	Treas 12½% 2013-17	88⅝		14.1	14.206

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41	32⅝	Consols 4%	40⅝		9.8	
48	38⅝	War Ln 3½%	46⅝		7.5	
49	40⅝	Conv 4%	47⅝		8.4	
29⅝	23⅝	Consols 2½%	28⅝		8.8	
29⅝	23⅝	Treas 2½%	28⅝		8.8	

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122⅝	108⅝	Treas I.L. 2% 1988	119⅝		2.1	1.730
106⅝	103⅝	Treas I.L. 2% 1996	105⅝		2.1	3.811
122	111⅝	Treas I.L. 2% 1996	119⅝		2.1	3.589
131⅝	97⅝	Treas I.L. 2% 1996	129⅝		2.1	3.748
132⅝	97⅝	Treas I.L. 2% 1996	129⅝		2.1	3.694
111⅝	99⅝	Treas I.L. 2% 1996	109⅝		2.1	3.557
102⅝	89⅝	Treas I.L. 2% 2006	99⅝		2.1	3.565
104	89⅝	Treas I.L. 2½% 2020 A	99⅝		2.5	3.580

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
253	218	Allied Irish	235	236		9.80	3.7	7.1
236	208	Anglo-Irish (Henry)	208	209	-6	15.00	5.9	44.8
238	208	Ark Nmr 7						
114	114	Bankcorp						
297	183	Bank Of Ireland	288	289	+6	17.0	6.3	
117	111	Bank Of Scotland	116	117		7.67	6.57	11.7
111	111	Bk Lnvm Israel	240	260				6.8
111	111	Bk Of Wales	111	111				
227	227	Barclays	227	227				
227	227	Brown Shipley	227	227				
227	227	Cater Allen	227	227				
227	227	Charterhouse	227	227				
227	227	Chase Manhattan	227	227				
227	227	Citicorp	227	227				
227	227	Clydesdale Bank	227	227				
227	227	Co-operative	227	227				
227	227	Corinthian Bk	227	227				
227	227	Duncan Lawrie	227	227				
227	227	Exeter Bk	227	227				
227	227	First Nat Finance	227	227				
227	227	Gerrard & Nat	227	227				
227	227	Girobank	227	227				
227	227	Guinness Mahon	227	227				
227	227	Hambros	227	227				
227	227	Hill Samuel	227	227				
227	227	Julian Hodge	227	227				
227	227	Kleinwort Benson	227	227				
227	227	Lazard Brothers	227	227				
227	227	Lloyds	227	227				
227	227	Mallinhall	227	227				
227	227	Matheson	227	227				
227	227	Mercantile House	227	227				
227	227	Midland	227	227				
227	227	Morgan Grenfell	227	227				
227	227	National Bk	227	227				
227	227	Nat Bk Kuwait	227	227				
227	227	Nat Bk Oman	227	227				
227	227	Nat Bk Saudi	227	227				
227	227	Nat Westminster	227	227				
227	227	Northern Bk	227	227				
227	227	Rea Brothers	227	227				
227	227	Rothschild	227	227				
227	227	Royal Bk Scotland	227	227				
227	227	Save & Prosper	227	227				
227	227	Schlesinger	227	227				
227	227	Singer & Friedlander	227	227				
227	227	Standard Chartered	227	227				
227	227	Trustee Savings	227	227				
227	227	Ulster Bk	227	227				
227	227	Union Discount	227	227				
227	227	United Bk Kuwait	227	227				
227	227	Williams & Glyn	227	227				
227	227	Yorkshire Bk	227	227				

BREWERIES

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
335	257	Bullmore (A) 10p	335	335		7.6	2.3	15.6
275	230	Burt Boulton 10p	270			15.4	5.7	7.4
88	50	Bass Ord 10p	87	88		3.5	4.0	12.5
88	50	Bass A 10p	87	88		3.5	4.0	12.5
88	50	Bass B 10p	87	88		3.5	4.0	12.5
375	280	Bulmer	370	370		17.7	4.8	15.0

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
135	97	Ashtead 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead A 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead B 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead C 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead D 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead E 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead F 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead G 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead H 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead I 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead J 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead K 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead L 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead M 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead N 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead O 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead P 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead Q 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead R 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead S 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead T 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead U 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead V 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead W 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead X 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead Y 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5
135	97	Ashtead Z 10p	135	135		4.0	2.9	13.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
514	464	ADCO NV Bearer	514	514		52.0	10.1	
264	240	Allied Colloids	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Anglesey	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Anglesey Chemical	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Anglesey DMBO	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Anglesey Fisons	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Anglesey Mining	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Anglesey Zinc	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Chem	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Fisheries	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Paper	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin A	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin B	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin C	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin D	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin E	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin F	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin G	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin H	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin I	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin J	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin K	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin L	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin M	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin N	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin O	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin P	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin Q	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin R	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin S	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin T	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin U	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin V	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin W	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin X	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin Y	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7
264	240	Associated Tin Z	264	264		12.0	4.5	12.7

CINEMAS AND TV

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
339	1	Anglia TV 'A'	312	339	-1	13.9	4.4	16.7
417	339	Central TV	417	417				
417	339	Central TV A	417	417				
417	339	Central TV B	417	417				
417	339	Central TV C	417	417				
417	339	Central TV D	417	417				
417	339	Central TV E	417	417				
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417	339	Central TV X	417	417				
417	339	Central TV Y	417	417				
417	339	Central TV Z	417	417				

DRAPERY AND STORES

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
238	125	Allders	204	207		5.7	2.8	13.4
164	144	Amott Day	164	164				
164	144	Appleyards 'A'	164	164				
164	144	Appleyards 'B'	164	164				
164	144	Beattie (James) 'A'	164	164				
164	144	Beattie (James) 'B'	164	164				
164	144	Bentalls	164	164				
164	144	Blacks Lds	164	164				
164	144	Body Shop	164	164				
164	144	Bonmarche	164	164				
164	144	Boots	164	164				
164	144	Brent Walker	164	164				
164	144	Brent Walker A	164	164				
164	144	Brent Walker B	164	164				
164	144	Brent Walker C	164	164				
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164	144	Brent Walker X	164	164				
164	144	Brent Walker Y	164	164				
164	144	Brent Walker Z	164	164				

ELECTRICALS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
238	231	AAH	238	238		14.3	6.0	17.4
157	152	ABB Research	157	157		5.3	3.4	21.4
115	115	Abbey Computers	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers A	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers B	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers C	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers D	115	115				
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115	115	Abbey Computers G	115	115				
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115	115	Abbey Computers V	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers W	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers X	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers Y	115	115				
115	115	Abbey Computers Z	115	115				

FINANCE AND LAND

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
15	8	Ainsworth	15	15				
69	45	Allied Hldgs	69	69				
59	59	Allied Hldgs A	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs B	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs C	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs D	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs E	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs F	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs G	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs H	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs I	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs J	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs K	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs L	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs M	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs N	59	59				
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59	59	Allied Hldgs P	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs Q	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs R	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs S	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs T	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs U	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs V	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs W	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs X	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs Y	59	59				
59	59	Allied Hldgs Z	59	59				

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FOODS

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross Div p	Yld %	P/E
145	125	ASDA-MFI	145	145		4.5	3.1	25.6
117	117	Allied Bakeries	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries A	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries B	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries C	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries D	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries E	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries F	117	117				
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117	117	Allied Bakeries Q	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries R	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries S	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries T	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries U	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries V	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries W	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries X	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries Y	117	117				
117	117	Allied Bakeries Z	117	117				

HOTELS A

Rubbish that packs power

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A scheme to convert household waste into electricity is likely to go ahead in Hertfordshire while a similar scheme in the East Midlands has encountered problems because of the lack of suitable rubbish.

Hertfordshire County Council has received offers from more than 20 companies to set up a power from waste plant at its Waterdale transfer station after a survey illustrated how the dustbins in the area contain more combustible material than most other areas of the country.

However, in Corby a £14 million combined heat and power project, which has received an EEC grant, has floundered because it cannot secure the necessary supply of 400,000 tonnes of refuse a year to make it viable.

The Corby project is a joint venture between the East Midlands Electricity Board and GEC Energy Systems. Project organizers hope to confirm rubbish supply contracts early next year so that construction can start in the autumn. The plant is to be built on the former British steel site in the town.

The Hertfordshire project, although much smaller, would take about 160,000 tonnes of refuse a year which would be converted into fuel for burning in power generation equipment.

The feasibility of the project was verified by research conducted by the Department of Environment using its A Classification Of Residential Neighbourhoods system, which links the socio-economic grouping of the family that fills the bin to the combustability of the contents.

Analysis of Hertfordshire's dustbin contents by the Government's Warren Spring Laboratory showed that the type of waste generated is ideal for conversion to fuel.

CBI in new bid to curb late payers

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry wants legal changes to protect small businesses hit by late payment of bills.

It has given full backing to creditors having a discretionary right to interest where money owed was paid before the start of court proceedings.

Mr David Trippier, Minister for Small Businesses at the Department of Employment, has indicated that he favours this approach to encouraging earlier payment of bills.

The CBI, like the minister, is against a more radical change in the law, being called for by some MPs, which would give creditors a statutory right to interest.

The CBI proposed the legal change last month as one way to help small businesses struggling with late payment of bills.



Trippier: wants earlier settlement of bills

Mr Norman Rose, itsdeputy director of company affairs, said: "It is unfair for creditors to be done out of their right to interest where debts are settled just before court proceedings are started.

"We believe they should have the right to sue for such interest and that awards should be left to the discretion of the courts."

The confederation is also starting an educational campaign to attack the late-payments problem and is to issue a guidance booklet setting out best practices.

It is working on model clauses which companies could incorporate in their own contracts.

The CBI acted after a survey showed that more than half the bills owed to small businesses are paid late.

More than half said large companies created the biggest payments problems, although four out of ten said small businesses were the worst for late payment.

Late payment was found to be particularly bad in the engineering sector where seven out of ten companies reported that more than half their bills were settled late.

Worst is over for investors in farm land, says surveyor

By Judith Huntley

Britain's farmers are under siege as the Common Agricultural Policy threatens cereal as well as milk quotas and the trade war with America intensifies after its imposition of a 200 per cent tax on some European agricultural imports.

Agricultural investment performance in 1986 was dismal, with a bear market operating for the last five years. Average agricultural land values fell by 22 per cent last year compared with the year before. The value of vacant farms dropped by 20 per cent to an eight-year low.

The FT All-Share index gained 200 per cent between 1980 and 1986. But the value of let agricultural land fell by nearly 25 per cent in that time compared with a slight rise in the retail price index.

Strutt & Parker, the surveyor, believes that the market has "bottomed" and predicts that the factors involved in creating the present state of affairs are reversing.

Let-land values are at their lowest in real terms for 20 years and initial returns are at their highest since the Second World War.

Initial yields are providing an historically high rate of return against inflation at 2.2 per cent, says Strutt & Parker. Agricultural yields for the top-quality farms are 5.5 per cent against retail yields of 3.75 per cent and office yields of 5 per cent.

The institutional investor in agricultural land saw the quietest market in 1986 since the late 1960s. Funds have been locked into a market with few buyers and no demand for investments — even at yields of 6 per cent or more.

Most have had to accept that agricultural land will have to remain a long-term investment in their property portfolios.

Strutt & Parker foresees more investment activity in 1987, with individuals entering the market. Vacant farms with residential attractions, which have masked the fall in value of straightforward commercial units, will continue to find buyers.

The cloud on the horizon of recovery is future profitability and rental growth. Strutt gives a warning that over-production in Europe and America continues to grow. The pressure will be on farmers to keep profit margins at a level which can sustain rental growth.

The firm concludes that once political pressure forces a fundamental change in policy, better farmers on good quality land will adapt and continue to farm at a profit. But farms on poor quality land may be taken out of production to redress surpluses.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.42	89.42	89.20	89.25	4412
Jun 87	89.64	89.65	89.51	89.53	424
Sep 87	89.71	89.71	89.59	89.62	209
Dec 87	89.56	89.56	89.50	89.50	102
Mar 88	N/T	----	----	89.27	0
Jun 88	N/T	----	----	89.01	0
Previous day's total open interest 13928					
Three Month Eurodollar	Previous day's total open interest 22822				
Mar 87	93.97	94.01	93.96	93.98	2503
Jun 87	93.88	94.02	93.97	94.01	512
Sep 87	93.90	93.94	93.90	93.93	203
Dec 87	93.71	93.76	93.71	93.74	169
US Treasury Bond	Previous day's total open interest 3231				
Mar 87	99-22	100-05	99-18	100-02	2320
Jun 87	N/T	----	----	99-05	0
Sep 87	N/T	----	----	----	0
Short Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 109				
Mar 87	N/T	----	----	99-05	0
Jun 87	N/T	----	----	----	0
Sep 87	N/T	----	----	----	0
Long Gilt	Previous day's total open interest 15281				
Mar 87	114-10	114-20	113-18	113-20	29096
Jun 87	114-22	114-22	113-23	113-26	30
Sep 87	N/T	----	----	----	0
Dec 87	N/T	----	----	----	0
FT-SE 100	Previous day's total open interest 2436				
Mar 87	171.50	171.50	170.75	171.10	310
Jun 87	174.00	174.00	174.00	174.10	2

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 5/1/87 Fergabrook, Mitchell Cotts, Oliver Resources, Amstrad, Coss, Gold, Renold, Norlolk Capital, Greenwich Resources, STC, Sun Oil, Tricentrol, North Kalgurli Mines, Morgan Grenfell, Ferranti, Gabbicl, Hampson Industries, Fairline Boats, Fine Art Developments, R. Lowe, Armour Trust, British Telecom.
Puts: British Benzol, Amstrad Consumer Electronics.
Puts & Calls: Thames Mining, Oliver Resources, Muntons.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range	Market rates close	1 month	3 months
	January 5	January 6		
N York	1.4725-1.4820	1.4725-1.4735	0.84-0.81pm	1.71-1.68pm
Montreal	2.0241-2.0429	2.0234-2.0283	0.36-0.42pm	1.23-1.28pm
Amsterdam	3.2054-3.2277	3.2071-3.2115	1¼-1¼pm	3⅝-3½pm
Brussels	55.16-55.46	55.27-55.36	19-14pm	42-39pm
Copenhagen	10.7508-10.8134	10.7648-10.7816	1-¼pm	½pm-par
Dublin	1.0457-1.0529	1.0471-1.0481	22-31dis	76-66dis
Frankfurt	2.8381-2.8548	2.8387-2.8439	1¾-1½pm	4¼-4pm
Lisbon	213.00-215.33	213.14-214.03	75-125dis	243-358dis
Madrid	132.72-134.05	133.48-133.84	29-48dis	87-114
Milan	1974.88-1991.50	1978.83-1982.55	par-3dis	4-6dis
Oslo	10.6280-10.8993	10.8435-10.8582	4¾-3¾dis	14¾-13¾dis
Paris	9.3891-9.4433	9.3960-9.4171	¾-1dis	2¾-2½dis
St Johns	9.9458-10.0236	9.9588-9.9844	1¾-1¼pm	3¾-3¼pm
Tokyo	234.04-235.72	234.35-234.73	1¼-1¾pm	3¾-3¾pm
Vienna	20.01-20.09	20.06-20.09	10¼-9¼pm	28¼-25¼pm
Zurich	2.3925-2.4032	2.3950-2.3996	1¾-1¾pm	4¾-4¾pm

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.8 (day's range 68.8-68.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.8481-1.8548
Australia dollar	2.1652-2.1995
Bahrain dinar	0.5548-0.5580
Brazil cruzado*	22.0270-22.1328
Cyprus pound	0.7400-0.7500
Finland marka	7.0020-7.0420
Greece drachma	202.90-204.90
Hong Kong dollar	11.4583-11.4686
India rupee	19 15-19.35
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4280-0.4320
Malaysia dollar	3.8231-3.8286
Mexico peso	1340.0-1360.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7530-2.7653
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5115-5.5515
Singapore dollar	3.1960-3.1998
South Africa rand	3.1679-3.1836
U A E dirham	5.3970-5.4370
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4825-1.4865
Singapore	2.1720-2.1730
Malaysia	2.5650-2.5800
Australia	0.6890-0.6901
Canada	1.3770-1.3780
Sweden	5.8800-5.7700
Norway	7.3660-7.3690
Denmark	7.3160-7.3150
West Germany	1.8260-1.8300
Switzerland	1.6260-1.6280
Netherlands	2.1705-2.1810
France	6.3650-6.3700
Japan	156.10-156.20
Italy	1345.0-1345.0
Belgium(Comm)	40.30-40.35
Hong Kong	7.7875-7.7885
Portugal	144.80-145.10
Spain	127.30-127.50
Austria	13.58-13.60

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exist.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p)	84½ -1
Cap & Regional (65p)	68 +3
Daniels S (130p)	156 +1
Fletcher King (175p)	175 -1
Gaynor (94p)	107
Geest (125p)	171
Glentree (16p)	50 -1
Gordon Russell (190p)	207
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170 +1
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	105
Harmony Leisure (23p)	26
Hornby (100p)	106 +3
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	147 -1
Johnson Fry	160
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	21 -1
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	132 +1
Logitek (85p)	66 -1
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	168
MIL (144p)	145 -1
Mezzanine (150p)	76
Mayborn (102p)	106
Nobo (152p)	153
Nothumbrian Fine (60p)	89 -1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	115 +2
Spandex (170p)	252 +2
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	111 -2
TSB Group (100p)	75½ -1
Virgin (140p)	133½ -½
Ward Group (97p)	102
Wilding Office (135p)	148

RIGHTS ISSUES

Avon Rubber N/P	53 +20
Birm Mint N/P	29 +3
Freshbake N/P	17 -1
Leisure Inv N/P	4
Marling N/P	11
New Court N/P	1¾
Property Tst N/P	1
Parkdale N/P	5
Scanro N/P	4
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*323)	280	47	55	62	½	4	7
	300	27	42	48	1½	7	13
	330	2½	21	27	12	17	30
British Gas (*65)	50	15	17	19	½	½	½
	60	5¼	8½	11½	½	1½	3
	70	½	3¼	5¾	6	7	7½
BP (*724)	600	127	137	—	1	6	—
	650	77	85	102	1	12	18
	700	30	46	60	4	25	33
Cons Gold (*571)	600	77	100	110	2	12	16
	650	31	64	77	8	33	33
	700	5½	37	60	40	55	62
Courtaulds (*313)	260	55	65	—	1	1½	—
	280	35	45	54	1	3	5
	300	17	28	37	3	7	10
	330	2	13	21	20	23	26
Com Union (*272)	260	14	25	31	3	9	14
	280	4	15	23	12	19	24½
	300	1	7	14	30	34	38
Cable & Wire (*329)	300	32	48	58	1	6	12
	325	10	27	—	6	14	—
	350	1½	14	—	25	32	—
	375	1	—	—	47	—	—
GEC (*192)	160	34	37	43	½	1½	5
	180	13	21	28	2	6	9
	200	2	10	17	12	16	16
Grand Met (*449)	360	95	102	—	1	1	—
	390	65	72	—	1	2	—
	420	36	47	63	1½	10	13
	460	6	27	42	16	30	32
ICI (*1065)	1000	72	87	114	2	13	18
	1050	27	60	85	7	33	37
	1100	8	34	60	40	67	70
	1150	2	17	40	90	100	100
Land Sec (*341)	300	43	54	57	1	2	6
	330	14	31	35	2	6	13
	360	2	14	19	22	23	27
Marks & Spen (*183)	180	6	16	22	3	7	10
	200	¾	7	12	18	21	24
	220	½	3	6	38	41	43
Shell Trans (*984)	900	92	103	122	1	12	20
	950	43	60	83	2	25	38
	1000	10	28	53	27	47	60
Trafalgar House (*274)	260	17	29	36	2	7	9
	280	4	16	22	9	15	18
	300	1	8	12	27	29	31
TSB (*77)	70	8	12	14½	½	2	3
	80	1½	6	7½	4½	6	6
	90	½	2½	4½	14	14½	14½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*444)	360	95	—	—	1½	—	—
	390	67	77	83	4	5	11
	420	42	53	63	8	15	18
	460	15	27	42	23	33	37
Boots (*236)	200	42	47	—	1	3	—
	220	24	32	38	4	9	12
	240	10	17	24	11	20	22
BTR (*273)	260	28	35	42	6	9	13
	280	16	21	27	14	20	23
	300	6	13	—	30	33	—
Bass (*733)	650	100	115	—	3	6	—
	700	55	75	95	8	13	25
	750	27	43	65	35	45	55
Blue Circle (*574)	600	92	107	125	3	10	18
	650	52	68	88	12	22	30
	700	23	35	52	37	45	52
De Beers (*763)	650	150	—	—	10	—	—
	700	110	140	—	15	27	—
	750	78	105	125	30	50	60
	800	48	70	98	65	80	90
Dixons (*320)	300	32	46	52	6	10	16
	330	16	25	34	20	22	24
	360	3	13	—	42	44	—
GKN (*276)	240	44	51	58	2	3	5
	260	28	36	41	8	10	13
	280	17	23	30	13	19	22
	300	8	—	—	28	—	—
Glaxo (*1048)	900	170	185	—	5	8	—
	950	125	155	180	11	22	27
	1000	85	120	155	21	35	45
	1050	50	90	125	40	60	70
Hanson (*189)	160	33	—	—	1	—	—
	180	15½	23	29	4	6½	8

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Hanson (cont)	200	7	13	17½	13½	16	18
	220	2¼	6	—	32	32½	—
Jaguar (*545)	500	62	78	85	6	16	22
	550	24	44	60	16	38	36
	600	9	—	—	57	—	—
Thorn EMI (*482)	420	75	90	—	2	4	—
	460	46	59	—	7	15	22
	500	18	32	42	28	36	48
	550	5	—	—	70	—	—
Tesco (*366)	360	50	62	73	6	16	14
	390	28	40	52	16	26	25
	420	10	18	30	36	38	36

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero (*512)	420	102	113	—	1	2	—
	460	62	73	88	3	6	10
	500	30	40	55	6	17	23
BAT Inds (*457)	390	77	83	—	2	4½	—
	420	47	58	73	5	7	13
	460	17	31	46	15	19	28
	500	5	17	30	48	52	55
Barclays (*503)	460	55	65	75	2½	7	15
	500	27	38	52	13	24	32
	550	5	15	28	50	57	60
Brit Telecom (*213)	180	35	42	47	½	2	5
	200	16	25	29	2	8	10
	220	4	12	18	20	14	19
Cadbury Schwepps (*187)	160	31	35	41	½	2½	5
	180	12	20	28	2½	7	11
	200	4½	10	16	14	17	21
Guinness (295)	280	27	36	44	8	10	14
	300	14	26	32	17	22	23
	330	4	12	22	40	42	43
Ladbroke (*384)	330	62	68	75	1	3	5
	360	33	43	53	3	7	11
	390	13	27	33	14	22	25
LASMO (*164)	130	36	39	—	1	3	—
	140	27	31	36	2	7	9
	160	15	20	26	6	13	16
Midland Bank (*603)	500	112	122	132	2	6	8
	550	67	77	87	5	13	20
	600	25	35	47	19	30	40
P & O (*524)	460	73	82	95	2	7	12
	500	36	48	63	8	15	28
	550	8	23	38	35	43	47
Racal (*187)	160	31	38	48	1½	3	6
	180	16	24	32	6	9	13
	200	5	13	18	18	20	24
RTZ (*698)	550	165	—	—	2	—	—
	600	115	132	—	3	10	—
	650	72	92	107	11	27	30
	700	35	60	70	25	47	57
Vast Resrs (*96)	70	17	22½	24½	1¼	3½	4½
	80	8	15	18½	4	6½	9
	90	3	8½	11½	10	12	12½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho (*247)	200	53	58	—	1½	3	—
	220	34	39	42	3	7	10
	240	17	24	28	10	14	18
	260	7	12	16	23	26	30

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11½% 1991 (£102)	100	3⅝	4 1/16	4 5/16	3/32	⅛	13/16
	102	2⅜	2⅝	4 1/16	½	1	1½
	104	⅜	1⅜	2 1/16	1 5/16	2 1/16	2⅞
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£112)	104	8	8¾	9¾	3/16	11/16	1⅜
	106	6⅛	7 1/16	7⅞	5/16	1	1⅝
	108	4⅜	5 1/16	6⅝	⅜	1 1/16	2 1/16
	110	3⅛	4½	5⅝	1¼	2 1/16	2 13/16
	112	2	3 1/16	4⅜	2¾	3 1/16	3 13/16
	114	1¼	2⅜	—	3 1/16	4 1/16	—

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
FT-SE index (*1679)	1550	145	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	1575	120	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	1600	93	110	122	—	2	6½	11	—
	1625	72	88	100	—	5	11	18	—
	1650	52	67	80	93	9	20	25	28
	1675	36	50	63	75	19½	30	37	39
	1700	20	37	48	60	30	46	47	50

January 5, 1987. Total contracts 28494. Calls 20907. Puts 7587.
FT-SE index. Calls: 719. Puts: 880
*Underlying security price.

APPOINTMENTS

Hill Samuel names director

Hill Samuel & Co: Mr Roger Lucas has been appointed a director.

F & C Pacific Investment Trust: Sir John Bremridge has been made a director.

Bridge Graphics: Mr John Halbert has been made works director.

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC): Mr G McDowell has been elected president.

Midland Bank Group: Miss Marion Price and Mr Peter Terry have been appointed trade finance directors, trade and export finance department.

Midland Bank International: Mr Michael Spence has been appointed regional director, Latin America. Mr John McLean is made regional director, Asia and Mr Bernard Giraud has been appointed regional director for Western Europe and the Middle East.

J O Hambro & Co: Mr Jocelyn Hambro is group chairman. Mr Rupert Hambro group managing director, Mr Richard Hambro and Mr James Hambro executive directors and Mr David Harland group finance director.

J O Hambro Business Development & Communications: Mr Rupert Hambro is chairman, with Mr David Harland and Mr David McDonough joint managing directors.

J O Hambro & Partners: Mr Rupert Hambro is chairman, Mr David Harland managing director, with Mr James Hambro, Mr Robert Hellyer and Mr Anthony Nissen executive directors.

McDonough Associates: Mr David McDonough is chairman and managing director. Mr Christopher Tate is executive director and Miss Susan Morris, Miss Katharine Rissik and Miss Sue Winter associate directors.

J O Hambro Investment Management: Mr Richard Hambros is chairman. Mr David Chaplin managing director and Lord Balneil is executive director.

E W Payne International: Mr D L G Owen has been made managing director of the international marine division.

Bissell Appliances: Mr Noel Fleury becomes managing director and Mr Michael Smith production director.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11%
Finance House 11½%

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 9½
Week fixed: 10⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 10¾ / 2 mnth 10⅝
3 mnth 10⅝ / 3 mnth 10½

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 27/32-10 25/32 / 2 mnth 10¾-10 11/16
3 mnth 10 21/32-10⅝ / 6 mnth 10 13/32-10 5/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 5/32 / 2 mnth 11⅜
3 mnth 11 5/32 / 6 mnth 11 1/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 8
1 week 11 1/16-11 / 6 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16
1 month 11 3/16-11⅛ / 9 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16
3 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16 / 12 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10¾ / 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10⅝ / 3 mnth 11
6 mnth 11 / 12 mnth 11

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11¼ / 2 mnth 11¼-11¼
3 mnth 11¼-11¼ / 6 mnth 11 1/16-11¼
9 mnth 11 1/16-11⅜ / 12 mnth 11¼-11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 / 3 mnth 11-10⅝
6 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16 / 12 mnth 10 13/16-10 11/16

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.25-6.20 / 3 mnth 6.10-6.05
6 mnth 6.05-6.00 / 12 mnth 6.10-6.05

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	7-6	
7 days	6 5/16-6⅜	1 mnth	6 5/16-6 3/16
3 mnth	6¼-6⅜	6 mnth	6 5/16-6 1/16
Deutschmark	call	5½-4½	
7 days	5-4½	1 mnth	4¾-4⅜
3 mnth	4½-4¼	6 mnth	4½-4⅜
French Franc	call	9¼-8½	
7 days	9¾-9¼	1 mnth	12¾-11¾
3 mnth	12¼-11¾	6 mnth	11⅜-10⅝
Swiss Franc	call	2¼-1¼	
7 days	3¼-3	1 mnth	4-3⅝
3 mnth	4-3⅝	6 mnth	4-3⅝
Yen	call	5-4	
7 days	4 9/16-4 7/16	1 mnth	4⅝-4⅝
3 mnth	4½-4⅜	6 mnth	4½-4⅜

BULLION

Gold:$399.00-399.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 396.50-399.50 (£269.25-270.75)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 94.00-95.00 (£63.75-64.50)
Platinum
$ 476.75 (£323.75)
Silver
$ 5.3800-5.3800 (£3.6400-3.6550)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 29, 1986 to December 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.392 per cent.

Law Report January 6 1987

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Three-year drugs ban on doctor is upheld

Finegan v General Medical Council

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Sir Ivor Richardson

[Judgment December 18]

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held that the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council on finding a medical practitioner guilty of serious professional misconduct were justified in the circumstances in directing that for three years his registration should be conditional on his compliance with the requirements that he should not prescribe or possess any controlled drugs or any other prescription-only medicines, even though that would have the effect of preventing him from carrying on his practice as a general practitioner.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by Dr Walter John Finegan against that determination of the professional conduct committee on July 14, 1986.

Section 36 of the Medical Act 1983 provides: "(1) Where a fully registered person . . . (b) is judged by the professional conduct committee to have been guilty of serious professional misconduct . . . the committee may, if they think fit, direct . . .

(iii) that his registration shall be conditional on his compliance, during such period not exceeding three years as may be specified in the direction, with such requirements so specified as the committee think fit to impose, for the protection of members of the public or in his interests."

Mr Anthony Hidden, QC and Mr Robert Frances, who did not appear before the committee, for the practitioner: Mr Timothy Straker for the GMC.

LORD KEITH said that the charge against the practitioner was that between about April 1976 and September 1985 he had repeatedly and at frequent intervals issued stock prescriptions for large quantities of controlled drugs and other euphoriants most of which were used for purposes other than the bona fide treatment of his National Health Service patients: that between January 2, 1977, and May 1980 he had regularly failed to enter in a controlled drugs register full particulars of controlled drugs obtained, supplied or administered by him: and that in relation to the facts alleged he had been guilty of serious professional misconduct.

Counsel for the practitioner at the hearing before the committee, acting on instructions, admitted on his behalf all the facts alleged in the charge and did not dispute that the facts disclosed serious professional misconduct.

The circumstances of the case had some distressing aspects. The practitioner's wife late in 1975 gave birth to a child which died a few days later.

She prevailed upon him to prescribe controlled drugs for her in large quantities. In addition she forged prescriptions for drugs and stole drugs from his bag.

In a letter to the GMC dated April 21, 1986, he admitted prescribing Pethidine and later Fortral for his wife over the past 10 years, with an interruption from April 1980 to October 1983, and stated that he had done so in response to threats from her to himself and their young child.

At the hearing before the committee there was produced on behalf of the practitioner a report by a consultant psychiatrist dated July 9, 1986, which revealed that Mrs Finegan had been taking intra-muscular injections of Valoid, prescribed by the practitioner, for the past 10 months, the last prescription being only a week previously.

Counsel for the practitioner, addressing the committee in mitigation, suggested as appropriate the imposition of conditions on his continued registration such as would prevent him from prescribing for his wife or dealing with her as a patient.

The committee directed that for a period of three years his registration should be conditional on his compliance with the requirements that he should not prescribe or possess any controlled drugs or any other prescription-only medicines.

The appeal was only against sentence, and in relation to that matter the Board had repeatedly said that professional disciplinary committees were the best possible people to judge what was appropriate, and that it would interfere only where the sentence was clearly wrong and unjustified.

The principal argument for the practitioner was related to the terms of section 36(1) of the Medical Act 1983.

It was maintained that Mrs Finegan was the only member of the public with whose protection the committee, in the circumstances of the case, had occasion to be concerned, and the conditions imposed went far wider than necessary for her protection.

Further, the conditions were not necessary in the practitioner's interests but were seriously damaging thereto, since their effect would be to prevent him for all practical purposes from carrying on the practice of a general practitioner, the only medical field for which he had the requisite training and experience.

The conditions should have been limited to prohibiting him from prescribing for and treating his wife, and the committee were not entitled to impose such broad conditions as they did.

The conditions imposed would indeed have the effect of making it impossible for him to carry on general practice. Their Lordships could not, however, agree that in considering whether conditions of such a width were appropriate the committee were bound to regard Mrs Finegan as the only member of the public whose protection was in issue.

The practitioner had displayed gross irresponsibility in making available to his wife, at public expense, an illegitimate supply of addictive drugs over a very lengthy period, and in failing to discharge his duty as regards the keeping up of the controlled drugs register.

That he should have continued to prescribe Valoid for her right up to the month of the hearing before the committee, notwithstanding all the warnings he had been given and the assurances he had given, was almost incredible.

The committee were well entitled to take the view, in the circumstances, that the wider public interest required that the practitioner should have no access at all, over a lengthy period, to drugs which required a prescription. They could also reasonably take the view that that was in the best long term interests of the practitioner himself.

It was argued that the imposition of the conditions was for all practical purposes equivalent to a suspension for a period of three years, whereas section 36(1)(ii) of the 1983 Act provided for a maximum period of suspension of 12 months. The short answer was that restriction of practice was not the same thing as suspension of registration. Suspension was a much more serious matter.

Some argument concerned the question whether the committee, if the practitioner requested it, could hold a resumed hearing at any time within the three years and, if thought fit, revoke the conditions.

It was pointed out that a suspension could only last for 12 months in the first instance and that even a practitioner whose name had been erased from the register could apply after 10 months to have his name restored.

It was maintained that the practitioner was in a worse position than if his registration had been suspended or his name had been erased from the register.

Section 36(4)(b) gives the committee a general power, not subject to any limitation as to the time of its exercise, to revoke a direction for conditional registration or to revoke or vary any of the conditions imposed by the direction.

It was argued for the practitioner that since the only reference to revocation or variation of conditions in the

Edited by Matthew May

COMPUTER HORIZONS

The outlook gets brighter

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

As the computer industry enters 1987 after two sluggish years there is still little hope for a quick end to the slump for the biggest company in the industry.

IBM says it still sees "no signs of improvement" in its business conditions around the world but hopes that its plans will improve trade by the second half of the year. It is a view widely shared by many competitors and analysts.

It has had little joy over the past year and last October reported its worst quarterly decline in profits for several years. Towards the end of last month the company announced that the plan for the early retirement of 10,000 US workers would cost $250 million in the fourth quarter. Similar retirement plans have now been started in Britain, France, Canada and the Netherlands.



For many years IBM's performance was seen as reflecting the general demand for computer products as competitors usually trailed in it's footsteps. Over the past year, however, IBM has done badly in areas where some competitors, ranging from Digital Equipment to Compaq, have fared much better. And there are at least some areas of information technology widely predicted for high growth.

Optical scanners, for example, are seen as a prime product where demand for desktop publishing is being held back by the high cost of machines. Hewlett-Packard is expected to be one of the first companies to push prices downward with next month's launch of a £1,500 scanner.

Another growth hope is computer systems for manufacturing where sales are already growing at a faster rate than for the computer business generally.

This year is also likely to see further developments in the capabilities of communications networks and sophisticated telephone systems. Callers in the US are already used to computerized systems that automatically route calls to get the lowest rate — a technique likely to become more necessary in the UK as company switchboards begin to use the Mercury network in tandem with British Telecom.

Voice mail systems which can record simultaneously large numbers of incoming phone calls and send out hundreds of voice messages at once are also tipped as an area waiting to take off.

As ever, such technological developments, though sometimes developed in Britain, usually take off only when the American market starts to buy them. One exception is a British development to move across to America this week — Amstrads's IBM clone, the PC 1512, to be launched on Thursday at an exhibition in Las Vegas.

The launch will require careful handling; the American market has seen many British computer companies set up operations which, when faced with such a diverse and competitive market, have been forced to retire hurt.

But with small growth rates expected for the computer business as a whole, it is companies like Amstrad which have identified new markets before competitors — even if it has created them merely by providing old technology at lower prices — that are likely to succeed.

Poachers plague 'Silicon Valley'

RECRUITMENT

By Alistair Guild

Electronics and computer businesses in central Berkshire are finding the recruitment and retention of staff increasingly problematic.

With names such as ICL, Digital Equipment, Norsk Data, CAP, Northern Telecom, Ashton Tate and Hewlett-Packard already in the area and new high-technology firms moving to the Thames Valley almost by the day, companies say that they are facing increasingly stiff competition for what is, in any case, a small national pool of suitably qualified staff.

Poaching of staff is not yet commonplace, though one personnel department says that three of its data-processing employees were lured away last year.

The manager said: "We made representations to the directors of the offending company and the practice stopped. It is a practice kept in check largely by unwritten rules. Other personnel departments know now, as well as we do, that poaching in the end doesn't pay."

Recruitment managers are constantly aware nevertheless of the need to keep their eyes on the wares on each other's stalls. "Well-qualified people can go just round the corner and, if we are not careful, get a much better deal."

It is not just the larger organizations which are in the market. One small but growing software house in Berkshire admits that it relies on bigger firms to provide the training and experience required of its future programmers and engineers.

Such smaller companies are usually able to offer a more flexible employment package. "If you are a small company and have one man who is an expert in his field, and want to keep him, then it is much easier to pay the necessary rate," says the personnel manager of a well-known international concern.

"It can also offer more flexible working conditions. Though we try to ensure that the environment is as flexible as possible it is not always easy when things are controlled from the centre."

In such a competitive climate, businesses are constantly having to review the packages they offer to potential employees.

The prospect of overseas travel is seen as a major attraction. Salary reviews every six or nine months are more and more commonplace.

Substantial relocation packages are also necessary to attract staff into the area. "Housing can be a problem, especially at the bottom end of the salary scale," says one personnel manager. "We find it more and more difficult, for example, to relocate a technician here from elsewhere in the country.

"When a starter home in Berkshire costs £40,000 upwards, the salary we offer just isn't sufficient to compensate, although we pay above the market rate. And senior technology staff in the north of England have problems selling their houses."

For many businesses, the difficulties are seen to result in a lower standard of recruits. One recruiter commented: "You get fewer applications because people who might have applied don't do so because of house prices in the South. Then you might have to take second or third best from those that do. That is bound to affect the calibre of new recruits."

Small companies are able to offer a more flexible job package

House prices in the South deter many would-be job applicants

How to cope when new systems threaten jobs

JOB SCENE

By Chris Naylor

Throughout Britain there must be a large number of computer installations which are mostly obsolete. Theyare using outdated mini, or even small mainframe, systems which could be replaced by more convenient micro-based systems.

Typically, these installations are run by small to medium-sized firms and have all the trappings of the traditional data-processing department.

There will often be an operator to handle the physical side of the machine. There will be programmers to write and maintain software. There may even be a token data-processing manager.

And all could well be highly anxious that just one networked micro and a few off-the-shelf packages could sound their death knell.

In such a situation the inevitable temptation is to present the firm with any number of apparently excellent reasons why prevailing conditions should be maintained and why chaos would ensue should any change lead to a reduction in staffing.

Outsiders may well relish the thought of computer staff finding their jobs under threat from the introduction of more computers; after all, their own jobs may have been affected by the advent of computers.

Any computer staff finding themselves in this situation might usefully learn from the history of what they have done to others. For, typically, when an industry found itself under threat of computerization there were those who decided to stand and fight and those who decided to place themselves in the vanguard of change. And the computer staff, more than anyone, know who won.

It was those who helped, rather than hindered, computerization who profited. Because the use of computers was inevitable it made sense for existing staff to co-operate in change, learn as much as they could about the computerization and, where possible, find themselves jobs within that framework.

And this could well be the situation for present computer staff who see the possibility of their roles disappearing with the introduction of simpler, more up-to-date, micros.

If one assumes that such change is inevitable, whether this year or next, then it makes sense to find out as much as possible about the change and how to make it work: to get into the vanguard of change and push it along.

For this individual there are two possible benefits. The first is that, by helping to implement the change, he will become indispensable. The second, much stronger, benefit is that any computer system that is newly-installed is almost certain to be more advanced than the system it replaced, so the changeover could provide the opportunity to acquire new skills.

A spin-off from all this is that since other installations will be affected in the same way it is advantageous to be first with the new knowledge.

This way you may well be able to market yourself to other firms who have yet to make the change. And, such is the close-knit world of computers that you will probably have a very good idea as to who those firms might be.

IBM scraps big financial service

By David Sanger

IBM and stockbrokers Merrill Lynch are to end their once promising venture in computerizing the US financial services industry.

They said the action followed a "reassessment" of the financial feasibility of the venture, called International Marketnet.

The failure appears to be a setback for both companies, which had staked millions of dollars on the highly publicized project.

Over the last two and a half years, executives of the venture — commonly known as Imnet — had predicted that the combination of IBM, with its technical prowess, and Merrill Lynch, with its understanding of the needs of brokers and investors, could leap ahead of competitors.

Two years ago, Joseph Castellano, the head of the Imnet venture, said: "In five or six years we think the market for Marketnet could be as big as $1 billion."

But last week Imnet's 267 staff members were told of the sudden termination.

Over the past two years Imnet discovered that few brokerages other than Merrill Lynch were willing to pay the steep price for the company's services, which combine analytical software and data bases accessible by satellite from central computers.

IBM and Merrill Lynch announced the end of the project in a four-sentence release.

The companies said the decision to close Imnet would have no significant effect on earnings for 1986 or 1987. With the announcement, Imnet joins a long list of home and office information services that have failed in the US over the past year.

Last month, CBS pulled out of Trintex, a failing videotex venture with IBM and Sears that was established at about the same time as Imnet.

In March, Knight-Ridder, the newspaper publisher, abandoned its $50 million videotex effort, intended to bring news, stock prices and shopping information to home computers.

Times Mirror and Centel also abandoned their offerings in southern California and Chicago.



■ History lesson: The "grand-daddy" of Europe's supercomputers, the CDC 6600, above, owned by Service Informatics and Analysis of Belgravia, London, has been retired. It cost £3 million in 1968 but its scrap value is only £850. Children from nearby St Peter's school say farewell to the wirey monster before it joins the Computing Collection of the Science Museum.

A place in history for the first programs

Future historians may look back at computer programs written today in much the same way hieroglyphics offered insights into life in ancient Egypt.

But rather than leaving to chance the fate of programs that become obsolete and fall into disuse, Gwen Bell, president of the Boston Computer Museum, wants to establish America's first computer software archive.

"When you try to understand what ancient Egypt was about you look at the hieroglyphics and people try to interpret them," she says. "Someday people will say, 'What was it like at the beginning of software?'"

The museum is the only institution dedicated solely to computers. It already has a wide variety of computer equipment on display tracing the history and development of the fast-evolving machines.

The archive could be used by people in industry considering new products and by researchers studying the development and history of computers.

It could also be useful for untangling legal battles when programmers claim their ideas have been stolen.

The museum has already begun gathering some programs, such as the first spread sheet program written in the early 1970s

The first step is to determine the best way to preserve the programs. They could be saved in the form they were used in the computers, such as on magnetic discs.

But that could present a retrieval problem if the hardware is no longer available.

Programmed to the door

By Peter Lewis

Choosing software can be frustrating, confusing and expensive. Wouldn't it be nice to have someone else track down and evaluate the best programs, and deliver them to your door?

That's the idea behind a Software of the Month club, started in the US, which has been developed along the same lines as the book clubs. An advisory board chooses a series of best-selling programs and automatically sends one or two a month to the subscriber unless it is instructed otherwise. Selections in the series range from around £14 for educational software for children to nearly £30 for selections for grown-ups.

There are four services for children, ranging from nursery school age to college-bound teenagers. The adult service concentrates on productivity software, including tax planners, filing programs and word processing. Many programs are offered at below list price.

One disadvantage, though common to many such club membership plans, is that the subscriber is simply swapping the burden of a positive decision — trying to decide whether a piece of software is worth buying — for a negative one, deciding whether the software is not worth buying.

Mix and match standard agreed

The EEC has exempted an agreement among nine major computer companies to develop an open standard for application software from its anti-trust laws.

Although the commission found that the agreement may distort competition by giving the companies a head start, it says the benefits "easily outweigh" the drawbacks.

The standard aims to let computer users mix and match hardware and software from different suppliers.

The nine computer manufacturers formed a group, called X/Open, to establish a standard interface between software and the Unix operating system.

Programs made to the standard, the commission said, will be portable among computers of different makes and capacity.

The details of the standard will be published and open for use to the software industry. Members of the group include Bull, Digital Equipment, Ericsson, ICL, Nixdorf, West Germany, Olivetti, Philips, Siemens and Unisys.

Events

- **High Technology in Education**, Barbican, London, January 21-24, (01-608 1161)
- **Videotex User Show**, Barbican, London, January 28-30, (01-608 1161)
- **Which Computer Show**, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, February 17-20, (01-891 5051)
- **Dexpo Europe**, Olympia 2, London, March 3-5, (01-486 1951)
- **Computers in Retailing**, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, March 11-13
- **Cadcam 87**, Metropole Hotel, NEC, Birmingham, March 24-26, (01-608 1161)
- **Electronic Printing and Publishing**, Olympia, London, March 24-27, (647 1001)

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HORIZONS

A guide to job opportunities

Meeting those special needs

Children with special educational needs are often referred to a practising educational psychologist. The skills called for are examined by Beryl Dixon

Educational psychologists, says the fact sheet prepared by their professional association are: "applied psychologists whose work is concerned primarily with the psychological and educational development (and problems which may be associated with these) of children and young people within the context of home, school and community." Their work, therefore, includes investigation, treatment and an advisory and research role.

They work mostly in the Schools' Psychological Services of local education authorities, although a few openings are available in child psychiatric units, hospital-based paediatric assessment units, social service assessment centres, in universities and in research establishments.

All practising psychologists in Britain must have qualifications which are acceptable to the British Psychological Society for Graduate Membership (although actual membership is not obligatory). For most psychologists this means a degree with an approved psychological content. Educational psychologists, with very few exceptions, are also qualified teachers with at least two years' teaching experience.

There are about 1,000 educational psychologists in posts in England and Wales, and a further 300 in Scotland (where there are important differences: psychologists there, working from Child Guidance Clinics and the two-year minimum period of teaching experience not being a standard requirement).

At least two years of active teaching is usually required

The 1981 Education Act stipulates that children who may have special educational needs should be referred to an educational psychologist. Ways of meeting these needs may vary from one authority to another. In the past the bulk of educational psychologists' time was spent on individual referrals, but a move towards a more consultative role has led to them working in a variety of settings, using a range of methods.

"This may have partly originated through staff shortages and a need for cost effectiveness," says one educational psychologist, Jenny Maddick, "but it has led ultimately to a better provision. We are much more involved now, for instance, in advising schools on how to deal with, or prevent problems."

Jenny is the principal education psychologist in Hampshire, one of the largest LEAs. She has 39 educational psychologists (plus one senior with *responsibility for training*), working in area teams – one for each of the county's education areas, and forming part of the advisory service. (In some authorities *the School Psychological Service* is responsible separately to the Chief Education Officer, but Jenny reports to the Principal Adviser.)

All educational psychologists need to be skilled in a variety of techniques: *evaluation, assessment, counselling.* Working as they do, with children, young people, parents, teachers and other professionals, such as speech therapists, *social workers, GPs, health visitors,* communication skills are also vital.

Jenny considers these crucial and would also add sensitivity and a degree *of confidence.* "*An EP as young as 25* could be the only psychologist visiting a school, and, therefore, must be able to liaise with head teachers and build up *good relationships with classroom teachers.* They all have expectations of the expert. Confidence not arrogance is the essential.

Psychologists work with all age groups from the under fives to the 19 year olds in further education and sixth form colleges. Parents' consent to referral is always needed and these come from very different sources: teachers, health visitors, GPs, (under the 1981 Act health authorities are obliged to inform local authorities of children under two they think might have learning problems), and from parents who may request a special assessment.

With the under fives, the problem may present as one of learning difficulties, behaviour or lack of speech development among others. In most cases, psychologists visit the children at home but may also see them at nursery school. Subsequent recommendations may be made regarding special education or tuition.

In schools they devise methods of working, in consultation with teachers. "Sometimes," says Jenny, "we see children individually: sometimes it is more useful to talk with a teacher. We often go into classrooms too, and observe the "problem" children there. Then we might be able to suggest a strategy the teacher can try out for a while."

The fact that educational psychologists have classroom experience themselves, gives them *credibility* in school situations. In special schools they are much more involved in the actual curriculum, helping staff analyse the *skills* they want to teach, and breaking them down into skill areas.

Methods of working vary up and down the country but educational psychologists usually enjoy the responsibility of planning their own work in individual schools – with support and advice from a senior when necessary.

In Hampshire each has a number of schools and a certain amount of time to *allocate to each.* How that time is divided between seeing individual children or perhaps running a workshop for staff to give general advice on behaviour problems, is a matter for the school and the psychologist to decide.

In addition to their schools work, they might spend time talking to dyslexia *groups, attending case conferences, running* training courses and attending courses themselves – and of course, in report writing.

At Jenny's level there is much more administration, staff training and supervision to be dealt with, although she does keep a small caseload. She also runs numerous training courses and is on several county working parties, on anything from maths testing to pupil evaluation to reviewing research into food additives.

She also has a special interest in neurological conditions and can act as a specialist for such referrals.

There are basically two ways in which to qualify

There are two ways of qualifying in educational psychology. The first is to *take a psychology degree followed by a* teacher training course – at either primary or secondary level. Then comes a minimum of two years teaching *followed by secondment to a pro*fessional course. This can all be done in a four year integrated course after the psychology degree.

It sounds, and is, a long training, but both the teaching and the professional course are done on a salaried basis. The alternative is to train first as a teacher (*which is in fact what Jenny did,* qualifying in maths). And then take a full or part time psychology degree, followed by the professional course.

Once qualified, educational psychologists may progress from main grade work in an education authority to team leader or senior post with responsibility for the *management and professional support of* a group of staff.

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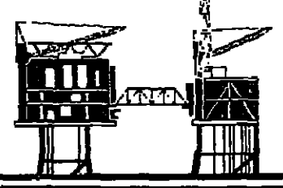
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Result: a double disqualification

GOLF: NICKLAUS PLANNING TO EXPAND HIS BUSINESS EMPIRE IN EUROPE

Sites sought for new courses

By Mitchell Platts

Jack Nicklaus revealed yesterday that his business plans not only involve assisting the golf explosion in Europe but also probably designing new courses in Ireland and Scotland during the next five years.

The Jack Nicklaus Golf Services organization has targeted Europe as a major growth area and Nicklaus has appointed Camcorp International, a sports marketing company, and International Resort Holdings, a consultancy company which specializes in golf-based developments, as European representatives.

Nicklaus said: "The growing golf market in Europe interests me. Europe is experiencing significant expansion in quality golf course development and our organization intends to take part in this growth."

Roddy Carr, the former Walker Cup player who owns Camcorp International, said: "It is by far and away the most important thing to have happened to me since I stopped playing as a professional and set up my own company two years ago.

"Jack has only tinkered with Europe in the past. But he is now very enthusiastic about the potential. Moreover he can help the development of golf over here. For instance he is building a course in Salzburg, Austria, and he is helping to educate that country on the game. Austrian TV is suddenly keen to show tapes about golf and already 40 per cent of the available membership at Salzburg is sold, even though they are only seven months into construction.

"A Jack Nicklaus course is expensive. We are talking of more than $1 million for his involvement. But when Jack signs he doesn't run. It is a firm commitment. He will not get involved unless he fully believes it will work and then he will ensure that everything is perfect from A to Z.

"I will be spending a lot of time travelling across the continent to talk to the various golf federations and to potential developers of Jack Nicklaus signature golf courses. We are talking about quality and not quantity. But I am also determined to find a site in both Ireland and Scotland following the success of Jack's course at St Mellion in Cornwall."

Nicklaus accepted a challenge at St Mellion, a few miles outside of Plymouth, when Herman and Martin Bond, the brothers who own the club, convinced him that it provided the perfect opportunity for Nicklaus to design his first course in this country.

And Nicklaus needs to be convinced. He said: "I get 50 inquiries for every course that I take on. My first question is whether or not they can handle it financially. At the same time I will always tell the owner if I believe the project to be viable. Sometimes he will say go ahead and we will not. But I'm really proud of St Mellion and the appointment of Roddy and Graham Fisher, of International Resort Holdings, will help us to develop the European market."

Nicklaus is clearly streamlining his interests to concentrate even more on designing golf courses — he can already be credited with 76 — as he backs off from playing. He recently expressed anger at reports that he is on the threshold of retirement. But Nicklaus, who won the US Masters last year, said: "I'm no longer going to make playing the number one thing in my life and I think that is the sensible thing to do. I get a big kick, and a lot of pleasure, out of designing golf courses."

Mouland set for return

By a Special Correspondent

Less than two months after being pulled unconscious from the wreckage of his car with both ankles broken, Mark Mouland, the Welsh World Cup player, is flying to the West Indies on Saturday to play four tournaments.

He has been cleared for golf by a specialist after a remarkably swift recovery from his injuries, suffered on November 20, in an accident about which he can recall nothing. He was lucky to escape with his life.

The plasters were removed from his legs after only four weeks instead of the expected six, and he has already played four rather painful holes of golf at his home club, Kenilworth.

He said: "It was all wrists and hands, but I was one under par! I am exercising to build up the wasted muscles and receiving treatment from Norman Pilgrim, the former Coventry City physiotherapist."

Mouland is to spend three-and-a-half weeks in the West Indies, playing three pro-ams, and then the Trinidad and Tobago Open championship. "I shall be able to ride in a caddy car during the pro-am so that will break me in gently," he said.

He has spent his recuperation period writing to potential sponsors. Surprisingly for a man who won more than £50,000 last year, including his first European tour victory, he still has no backer.

Racers cut to size by Rockets

By Norman de Mesquita

With an unbeaten run of 15 matches behind them, Murrayfield Racers could be excused if they felt complacent. If so, Dundee Rockets brought them down to earth with a bump on Sunday, leading 6-0 after only 17 minutes, and withstanding a late rally to win by the odd goal in 15.

This cut Racers' lead to three points, while Nottingham Panthers stayed third with an easy home win over Cleveland Bombers, the bottom strugglers. Once again, Perlini with six goals and an assist, led the way.

Fife Flyers continue to press the leaders and their two weekend wins — at home to Durham Wasps and away to Solihull Barons — featured a 12-point contribution from Moria, their new import. He had seven assists in Solihull when a five-minute penalty to Puhalski saw the Flyers score five power-play goals.

Slovanovitch is also running into form and had his most productive league game of the season with four goals and four assists. Conway, who scored points almost at will for Ayr Bruins last season, has returned as Durham's latest import and contributed three goals and two assists in an easy win over Whitley Warriors.

Cleveland Bombers received far more than they deserved at Streatham Redskins. Having arrived at the South London rink some 90 minutes late, they then appeared in the wrong strip. League rules state that, if there is a likely clash, the home team will wear white.

This led to an even longer delay, allowed the Bombers a warm-up they were not entitled to, and saw the Redskins eventually start the game physically cold and mentally unprepared. Bombers raced to a 4-0 first period lead and eventually gained an unexpected and undeserved point. Danny Wong, the Redskins' coach, is to protest to the BIHA and, if the league is to retain credibility, some action must be taken

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division: Fife Flyers 9, Durham Wasps 5; Nottingham Panthers 13, Cleveland Bombers 6; Whitley Warriors 4, Streatham Redskins 6, Durham Wasps 14, Whitley Warriors 4; Murrayfield Racers 7, Dundee Rockets 8; Solihull Barons 6, Fife Flyers 1; Streatham Redskins 7, Cleveland Bombers 7. First division: Glasgow Eagles 15, Sunderland Chiefs 11; Slough Jets 8, Southampton Vikings 2; Swindon Wildcats 28, Irvine Wings 5; Blackpool Seagulls 20, Irvine Wings 8; Bournemouth Stags 4, Richmond Flyers 5; Medway Bears 19, Swindon Wildcats 7; Peterborough Pirates 12, Telford Tigers 7; Trafford Metros 11, Oxford City Stars 3

TENNIS

Durie still not fond of pressure

From Barry Wood
Sydney

Jo Durie and Sara Gomer both struggled to advance to the second round of the Family Circle NSW women's open in Sydney in the final preparation tournament for the Ausralian Open. Durie won 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 over Michelle Jaggard, the Ausralian junior, and Gomer beat Amanda Dingwall, also of Australia, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Durie should have swept her young opponent aside, but instead looked ill at ease throughout the encounter and can consider herself fortunate to still be in the competition as the inexperience of Jaggard allowed Durie to recover time and time again from countless unforced errors. The British girl was tense and produced hardly a single impressive shot throughout the match.

"I am very relieved to get through because she's a tough player. She hit a few good passing shots and hit her forehand very well," Miss Durie said. She confessed that she lacked confidence, a problem that has stalked her throughout her career.

"I was a little uncertain of myself and it didn't feel that happy out there, so I just told myself to hang in and scrape through. I think it's just a matter of not having enough self-confidence to go out there and knock-off the first match, like I really should do.

"I don't know why I don't have confidence after all these years. If I knew, I would be ranked No. 1 in the world. I'm still searching for it, and all I can do is try my hardest."

To improve her world ranking, Miss Durie has made profitable use of her recent seven-week break from the circuit, incorporating the help of Jane Fonda in her search for greater fitness.

"I've played the Jane Fonda workout record while I was at home," she said. "I've struggled with it and it hasn't been very elegant, but I've been making myself do it and think it has paid off."

Her new routine also includes running, working with weights and regular visits to her physiotherapist, in a self-styled fitness programme. "I devised my own because I feel I know what I need to work on," she said. "It was a bit of an experimentation at first, but after a week I basically knew what I was going to have to do."

Freeman through

Mark Freeman, of the United States, seeded No. 4, came from behind to beat fellow American John Levine 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 on the opening day of the Auckland grand prix tennis tournament yesterday. In another match Johan Carlsson, a young Swede, knocked out Kelly Evernden, the New Zealand champion, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Broncos breach play-off barrier

By Robert Kirley

The Denver Broncos reached the Super Bowl in 1978, but ever since they have failed to win the games that really mattered. Disgruntled supporters have occasionally referred to their quarterback as "Wrong-way" Elway, but John Elway did it the right way on Sunday and the Broncos beat the New England Patriots 22-17 in an American Football Conference semi-final.

Elway survived a sprained ankle and Denver earned a place in the conference final against the Cleveland Browns on Sunday. Call it a Rocky Mountain high.

Denver had lost their opening-round game on the last three occasions they had reached the play-offs. This season, after starting with six consecutive wins, they managed to win only half of their next 10 games. New England's defeat, coupled with that of the Chicago Bears on Saturday, left both of last year's Super Bowl sides out in the cold. The Patriots' only other away defeat this season also happened at the Mile High stadium.

It was late in the first half that Elway was injured, but he returned and finished with 13 completions in 32 attempts for 257 yards. "This is the biggest win I've ever had and I hope it will get bigger next week," Elway said.

In the National Football Conference the New York Giants emphasized their designs on the Super Bowl by crushing the San Francisco 49ers 49-3. Joe Morris ran for 159 yards and two touchdowns and Phil Simms, the quarterback with the face of a street urchin and the cunning of a snake-oil salesman, completed four touchdown passes. The San Francisco quarterback, Joe Montana, left the game with concussion after a play in which he gave up an interception for a touchdown.

New York Giants	7	21	21	0	– 49
San Francisco 49ers	3	0	0	0	– 3

First quarter: Giants: Bavaro, 24yd pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 7min 31sec elapsed. 48ers: Wersching, 25yd field goal, 13:40. Second quarter: Giants: Morris, 45yd run (Allegre kick), 7:21; B Johnson, 15yd pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 14:10; Taylor, 34yd interception return (Allegre kick), 14:32. Third quarter: McConkey, 28yd pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 6:04; Mowatt, 29yd pass from Simms (Allegre kick), 13:02; Morris, 2yd run (Allegre kick), 14:44. Attendance: 76,554.

Denver Broncos	3	7	10	2	– 22
New Eng Patriots	0	10	7	0	– 17

First quarter: Broncos: Karlis, 27yd field goal, 12min 12sec elapsed. Second quarter: Patriots: Morgan, 19yd pass from Eason (Franklin kick), 0:56; Broncos: Elway, 22yd run (Karlis kick), 7:18. Patriots: Franklin, 39yd fg, 14:58. Third quarter: Broncos: Karlis, 22yd fg, 9:10; Patriots: Morgan, 45yd pass from Eason (Franklin kick), 12:10. Broncos: V Johnson, 49yd pass from Elway (Karlis kick), 15:00. Fourth quarter: Broncos: Jones tackled Eason in end zone for safety, 13:13. Attendance: 76,105.

FIXTURES: Conference championships (won-lost records in brackets): Sunday: AFC: Cleveland (13-4) v Denver (12-5); NFC: New York Giants (15-2) v Washington (11-4). Super Bowl XXI: January 25 (at the Rose Bowl stadium, Pasadena, California): AFC winners v NFC winners.

VOLLEYBALL

Lakomy names world student games squad

By a Special Correspondent

Henryk Lakomy, the Loughborough-based coach, yesterday named his 15-strong women's training squad to represent Britain at the world student games in Zagreb from July 8 to 19.

Lakomy, who acted as team manager to the British women's squad which competed in the world student games in Japan two years ago, has divided his choice almost equally between the English and Scottish game.

Seven Scots are included in the squad which gathered at Loughborough University over the weekend and the next meeting is planned for north of the border in April when the pool will be cut to 12 players.

"The overall standard of the squad is higher than the one that went to Japan but the opposition in Yugoslavia will again be strong as most of the teams that play in the world student games are effectively full national teams," Lakomy said yesterday.

Players have been asked to contribute £250 towards their costs (for Japan, the figure was £1,300 per player) but Lakomy hopes that the British Universities Sports Federation will offer increased funding for the team. The British squad is also being helped by sponsorship from a Nottingham-based firm, Concept II.

It is unlikely, however, that Britain will be represented in the men's event unless there is an unexpected and considerable injection of cash.

Four of the players included in Lakomy's squad — Linda Hughes, Margaret Fleming (both Scottish Farm), Jen Gordon (Edinburgh Jets) and Christine Huggins (Ashcombe) — played in the Japan event.

Meanwhile, the ambitious £100,000 Pickfords international invitation tournament begins at the Alexandra Pavilion in London tomorrow with the top game being the Japan v Cuba confrontation at 9pm. East Germany play Sweden during the day.

SQUAD: M Fleming (Scottish Farm), L Hughes (Scottish Farm), G Jimminson (Scottish Farm), D Solly (Edinburgh Jets), J Gordon (Edinburgh Jets), C Huggins (Ashcombe), K Gosling (Ashcombe), J Glover (Loughborough), S Knowd (Liverpool Univ), J Benton (Liverpool Univ), K Wood (Brighton), S Bailey (Leeds), P Gunn (Inverclyde), C Bell (Larbert), Y Kelly (unattached).

BASKETBALL

World club event is assured

By Nicholas Harling

With David Last, the tournament director, counting his losses in hundreds of pounds rather than in the thousands he anticipated, the future of the world invitation club basketball championships seems assured for another year at least.

That is the good news for connoisseurs of basketball, who have come to depend on their traditional New Year fare at Crystal Palace, whatever the quality. But few of them could have been disappointed this time by the tournament that ended with Sunday's absorbing final in which Bayer Leverkusen, the second seeds, defeated the favourites, Montelibano, from Brazil, 104-97.

Ultimately, the absence of Maccabi Tel-Aviv, the six-time winners of the event, and late withdrawals of four other top attractions, hardly devalued the tournament at all, even if Last did bemoan the decisions of Kingston and Portsmouth to pull out.

It is doubtful, nonetheless, that either Kingston or Portsmouth could have overcome Leverkusen, the West German league leaders, whose American coach, Jim Kelly, had little sympathy for the English title contenders not fulfilling their obligations.

"This is the biggest tournament we know over Christmas, and if you want exposure, you play here," he said. "Wherever you go on the Continent, people ask about the WICB. For them to know that we've won is quite something."

Paradoxically, although no English club even progressed as far as the semi-finals, it was an Englishman, albeit one who is now trying to attain West German citizenship through his mother's nationality, who swung the final. John Johnson, born in Manchester and reared in Buffalo, was told not to play by a doctor, whom he defied to record 23 points.

A virus had laid the former England international guard so low beforehand that he was used sparingly during the first half, in which he collected only a single basket. Later he was brought on to much greater effect.

● Dave Elderkin, the general manager who is being employed in a dual capacity by Reg Vardy Sunderland between dismissals and resignations, is now in his fifth spell as coach.

Elderkin is stepping into the breach left vacant by Jim Brandon, who was dismissed over Christmas, but he could do little to prevent his team slipping to the bottom of the Carlsberg National League's first division after their 111-91 defeat by Sharp Manchester United.

Brandon, who watched the game, resumes his playing career, which had been threatened by a back injury, in the Belfast Milk Tournament this week as a guest player with Calderdale.

BOWLS

Dennison and Morgan earn England caps

By David Rhys-Jones

England's bowlers will be seeking to extend their successful run when they compete in the home international indoor series at Aberdeen next March.

They have strung together four successive wins since their last visit to Scotland in 1983, and the English selectors watched 48 players at Carlisle over the weekend before announcing a team with only four changes from last year's winning side.

Four rinks, skipped by Tony Allcock, John Bell, Pip Branfield and Andy Thomson remain intact, while David Bryant and David Ward are given new leads and seconds. Russell Morgan and Roy Cutts will support Bryant, while Danny Denison and Steve Halmai are Ward's new front end. Morgan and Dennison are new caps.

ENGLAND TEAM: Rink one: R Roylance (Mansfield), N Thompson (Cambridge Park), M Woodhouse (North Walsham), A Allcock (Cotswold). Rink two: M Sawyer, G Smith, T Heppell, A E Thomson (all Cyphers). Rink three: J Ottaway (Wymondham Deli), C Simpson (Hartlepool), D Cutler (Plymouth Civil Service), J Bell (Cumbria). Rink four: D Denison (Dawlish), S Halmai (Paddington), J Lambert (Stanley), D Ward (North Walsham). Rink five: B Morley (Nottingham), M Biggs (Thamesdown), W Richards (Cambridge Park), P J Branfield (Clevedon). Rink six: R Morgan (East Dorset), R Cutts (Ipswich), W Hobart (Boston), D J Bryant (Clevedon). Reserves: M Hughes (Hartlepool), J Rednall (Ipswich), A Crowe (Hartlepool), R Lamdin (Wey Valley).

City appeal

Bristol City are to appear before an FA disciplinary committee hearing in Birmingham on Thursday to appeal against a further match suspension on Steve Neville, their forward who served a two-match suspension after being sent off at Blackpool in November. The FA have banned him under a technical charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

RACING: WINTER AND SCUDAMORE CAN LAND FOLKESTONE DOUBLE

Stirabout poised to strike again for Henderson's in-form team

By Mandarin

Nick Henderson, delighted with First Bout's impressive chasing debut at Newbury on Saturday, should be on the mark with another promising young fencer, Stirabout, who reappears in the M20 Novices' Chase at Folkestone today.

First Bout was ridden with the utmost confidence by Steve Smith Eccles when gaining a cheeky threequarter-length victory over Gala's Image at the Berkshire course, and it was the same horse that Stirabout beat when landing his first British victory, a two-mile chase at Kempton Park's Christmas meeting.

Stirabout's winning margin that day was three lengths, but a comparison with his stable companion might be misleading as Simon Sherwood drove out the ex-Irish seven-year-old to the line for his victory.

My selection saw his race out well that day although he was equipped with blinkers – which will again be used this afternoon – and the former Dermot Weld-trained horse, who won a handicap hurdle at Naas in October, clearly has scope for improvement.

Stirabout's main rival today is likely to be Larry-O who also scored last time out, at Hereford where he beat Cathy's Pal by six lengths despite making several mistakes.

With Fred Winter's stable beginning to find its form it would be folly to dismiss his charge lightly. Bronski, too, showed promise over the bigger obstacles behind Proud Pilgrim at Leicester but Stirabout looked an accomplished performer at Kempton, and is napped to follow up successfully.

However Larry-O fares, Winter, and his stable jockey Peter Scudamore, are unlikely to return to Lambourn empty-handed, as they field strong candidates for the two divisions of the Somerfield Court Novices's Hurdle, Montgomery (12.45) and the newcomer Baies (3.15).

Montgomery, after three creditable efforts in bumper races last season, was a warm market order to make a winning hurdles debut at Ascot in October but ruined his chance by pulling hard early on before weakening to finish fifth behind Teletrader.

If he can be restrained this time, Montgomery should have too much pace for Random Charge and Pollen Bee.

Baies makes his first public appearance today, but this Raise You Ten five-year-old is bred for the job, being a brother to Aces Wild, and does not have a difficult task against some moderate rivals.

Peter Haynes, the Funtingdon trainer, has made a slow start to this campaign. However, his Vodkatini won in such good style at Devon on New Year's Day that the eight-year-old should be able to defy an 8lb-penalty in the Cliftonville Handicap Chase.

At Wetherby, Neville Crump's useful chaser Richdee can go one better after chasing home Centre Attraction at the Yorkshire course on Boxing Day. Peter Easterby's Jimbrook stayed on gamely to take third place behind Stearsby in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow but that hard race may have taken its toll and at a difference of 12lb Richdee is preferred.

With Dhoni deleted from the Healaugh Novices's Hurdle, the way looks clear for Easterby's Nos Na Gaoithe to follow up his smooth course and distance victory over Happy Breed, also at the Christmas meeting.

The Cowthorpe Novices' Hurdle, over 2½ miles, can go to Mick Easterby's Lake Valentina, who caught the eye when staying on strongly for sixth place behind Rapier Thrust at Nottingham last month.

Jimmy Fitzgerald's Comeragh King looks to have a simple task in the Collingham Novices' Chase

Worcester called off

Tomorrow's meeting at Worcester has been abandoned. The racecourse was flooded after the River Severn had burst its banks at the weekend. The meeting was called off after stewards held an inspection at noon yesterday, leaving Market Rasen as the only fixture tomorrow. Worcester is the ninth casualty so far this season.



Joyful reunion: Jonjo O'Neill greets an old ally, Sea Pigeon, whom he partnered to many victories including the 1979 Ebor Handicap and the Champion Hurdle a year later, at the official opening of Edinburgh's new jumping track yesterday

WETHERBY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Doon Venture.
1.30 Comeragh King.
2.00 Richdee.
2.35 Lake Valetina.
3.05 Barryphilips Disco.
3.40 Nos Na Gaoithe.

By Michael Seely

2.0 Richdee. 2.35 LAKE VALENTINA (nap). 3.40 Nos Na Gaoithe.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: soft

1.0 TOCKWITH SELLING HURDLE (£1,240: 2m) (20 runners)

1	1204-40	DESCARTES (D) (J McQueen) M Naughton 5-11-7	J D Davies (4)	87	12-1
3	00000-0	FORTYCOATS (H White) O O Neill 5-11-3	S J O'Neill	—	20-1
4	0-RP0	GINA'S MATCH (M Lawrenson) C Spares 5-11-3	J McLaughlin	—	20-1
5	0	GLENDERRY (Mrs A Jones) H Jones 5-11-3	M Pepper	83	16-1
6	22P-F2	REEL GUILT (BF) (B Eddishaw) G Moore 5-11-3	M Hammond	90	11-4
8	002100	CAPE TOWN GIRL (D) (M Bowkar) M Bowker 5-11-2	NON-RUNNER	—	—
9	0	DON'T DESPAIR (J Turner) J Turner 5-10-12	Miss A Beaumont (7)	—	14-1
12	210	DOON VENTURE (D,BF) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds C Plc) N Tinkler 4-10-9	M Dwyer	84	F7-4
13	03303	ANDREA'S PRIDE (B) (J Corson) A Smith 4-10-5	Andrea's Pride	87	5-1
14	FP0P	BURHAAIN (Full Circle Thoroughbreds C Plc) N Tinkler 4-10-5	N Tinkler	—	16-1
16	031	CLASS HOPPER (D) (F Tait) C Elsey 4-10-9	P Tuck	71	12-1
17		HOAD HILL (A Robson) A Robson 4-10-5	J K Kinane	—	16-1
19	2	SOLSTITIAL SONG (Mrs A Macfarlane) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-5	G Harker	79	10-1
20	0	TIMSOLO (T Hamsworth) J Mulhall 4-10-5	P A Farrell (4)	—	20-1
23	F10	TYRANNISE (D Ball) B McMahon 4-10-4	P Dever	80	13-2
25	00	CROWNIT (C Booth) C Booth 4-10-0	D Dutton	82	20-1
26	22232	FANNY ROBIN (D Smith) Denys Smith 4-10-0	C Grant	● 99	8-1
27	000	KATIE RHODES (W Tinning) W Storey 4-10-0	Miss F Storey	—	25-1
28	P00	OUR NOORA (B) (W Sellers) J Parkes 4-10-0	J R Quinn (7)	—	25-1
29	0	RICH BITCH (Mrs B Charnley) B Charnley 4-10-0	M Brennan	—	25-1

1986: Meeting abandoned - snow & frost

FORM GLENDERRY (11-0) made some late headway after a bad mistake when 21½l 7th to Kilfarry Bay (11-0) at Catterick (2m, £685, good, Dec 17, 13 ran) in a novice hurdle. REEL GUILT (10-12) finished a neck 2nd to The Yomper (10-5) in a Market Rasen seller (2m, £682, soft, Dec 26, 19 ran) with OUR NOORA (9-13) and GINA'S MATCH (10-12) both out of contention. DOON VENTURE (10-10) not disgraced when 11l 5th to Fandango Boy (10-3) in a Doncaster seller (2m, £1526, good, Dec 13, 18 ran) with ANDREA'S PRIDE (10-10) and CROWNIT (10-5) never dangerous. CLASS HOPPER (10-9) made most of the running when a 15l winner from Sazebhye Park (10-9) at Catterick (2m, £621, good to soft, Jan 2, 8 ran) with RICH BITCH (10-4) always behind. TYRANNISE weakened into 9th behind Carefree at Ludlow last time; previously (10-7) ran out a 20l winner from The Ute (10-5) at Southwell (2m 4f, £622, good to soft, Dec 5, 9 ran). FANNY ROBIN (10-0) finished 7l 2nd to Patrick's Star (10-5) at Newcastle (2m 120y, £815, good, Dec 1, 13 ran) with ANDREA'S PRIDE (10-5) 6l back in 3rd, OUR NOORA (10-0) and CLASS HOPPER (9-12) could make no impression.
Selection: REEL GUILT

1.30 COLLINGHAM NOVICE CHASE (£1,571: 2m 50yd) (5 runners)

2	3-11241	COMERAGH KING (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-6	M Dwyer	● 99	F4-9
5	0R4/U-P	CARDEN SPIRIT (W White) R B Francis 8-11-1	S J O'Neill	—	16-1
6	00202-0	GREED (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 6-11-1	C Grant	—	3-1
7	02-0000	HARVEST (Benningtons Furniture Ltd) O O'Neill 7-11-1	M Caswell	—	12-1
8	61P-	KILNICK (Mrs D Johnstone) C Parker 9-11-1	K Doolan	—	7-1

FORM COMERAGH KING (11-9) landed the odds by a comfortable 15l from Rhoecus (11-9) at Market Rasen last time (2m, £1239, soft, Dec 26, 10 ran) and is highly thought of. GREED (11-0) was never dangerous after a 2nd fence blunder 55l behind Starabout (11-0) at Kempton (2m, £3106, soft, Dec 27, 10 ran). HARVEST (11-0) finished 8th of 13 to Silent Surrender (10-9) at Ludlow (2m, £1445, soft, Dec 15, 13 ran). KILNICK'S (11-0) winning form was a 1½l victory over Beaverboy (11-0) at Carlisle (2m 1f 110y, £614, heavy, Dec 19, 12 ran).
Selection: COMERAGH KING

2.0 KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,289: 3m 100yd) (5 runners)

3	313/413	JIMBROOK (B,CD) (Mrs M Nowell) M H Easterby 10-11-7	L Wyer		86 F2-1
4	24P0-32	RICHDEE (Miss D Dalzell) N Crump 11-10-9	C Hawkins		94 F9-4
7	20-412U	CASA KNIPE (J Thompson) D Lee 12-10-0	G Harker	●	99 3-1
9	11D-00P	JOE'S FANCY (BF) (P Liddle) P Liddle 9-10-0	M Dwyer		82 8-1
10	044301	BE FREE (Mrs G Bertie) Mrs G Bertie 12-10-0 (5ex)	Miss A Beaumont (7)		65 9-1

FORM JIMBROOK (10-12) stayed on under pressure to finish 6½l 3rd to Stearsby (11-5) at Chepstow (3m 6f, £21137, soft, Dec 20, 17 ran). RICHDEE (10-2) looking to be returning to somewhere near best when 1½l 2nd to Centre Attraction (10-2) here (2m 4f, £3785, soft, Dec 26, 7 ran). BE FREE (10-0) beat Clonroche Stream (10-11) a length at Ayr (3m, soft); previously (10-0) finished a well beaten 5th to Beau Lyon (10-1) at Sedgefield (3m 2f, £1632, good to soft, Dec 9, 8 ran) a race in which CASA KNIPE (11-10) was clear when unseating on the run-in. On previous outing CASA KNIPE (10-4) finished 4l 2nd to Silent Valley (10-4), with BE FREE (10-0) another 25l back in 3rd and JOE'S FANCY (10-0) last of 8 at Newcastle (3m 6f, £2356, good, Nov 29).
Selection: JIMBROOK

2.35 COWTHORPE NOVICE HURDLE (£881: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

3	323-20P	BEAKER (G Lowe) M Naughton 7-11-0	M Hammond	90	8-1
4	P	BRICK LAWN (Lord Shrewsbury) J Mackie 6-11-0	M Bosley (4)	—	20-1
7	000	HOWS TONY (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 6-11-0	Miss D Slack (7)	—	16-1
8	2-0	LAKE VALENTINA (J Chester) M W Easterby 5-11-0	Mr T Thomson Jones	● 99	F5-2
9	FP-00	MAIN REASON (V) (F Lee) F H Lee 5-11-0	S Holland	—	12-1
11	0-03442	PEARL MERCHANT (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0	C Grant	86	14-1
13	02F0	RODNEY BAY (R Scott) J Blundell 5-11-0	D Dutton	87	13-2
15		SID PRICE (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-0	K Jones	—	16-1
17	00-00	SMULLYAN (G Leatham) M W Easterby 5-11-0	P Tuck	84	12-1
18		TEN OF CLUBS (S Brewer) Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-0	G Bradley	—	3-1
20	300-433	THE LODGE PRINCE (V) (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 5-11-0	J D Davies (4)	95	5-1
23		LADY LAW (Mrs H Kelley) D Lee 8-10-9	G Harker	—	14-1
25	34	NIKOOLA EVE (D Cooper) J Glover 5-10-9	S Johnson	98	10-1
27	0	TOMANNAROSA (A P Consultants Ltd) O Brennan 6-10-9	M Brennan	—	12-1

FORM BEAKER (10-7) last completed when 13l 7th to Old Meg (9-13) here at Wetherby (3m, £685, good, Dec 6, 19 ran) with SMULLYAN (10-7) making some good progress from the rear 9l further back in 9th, and RODNEY BAY (10-7) not without a chance when falling. LAKE VALENTINA was 6th to Rapier Thrust at Nottingham; last season (11-0) a ½l 2nd to Old Nick (11-0) here (2m, £548, good to soft, Dec 26, 11 ran). RODNEY BAY (11-0) ran his best race this season when 2½l 2nd to Royal Greek (11-0) at Market Rasen (2m, £1611, good, Nov 14, 18 ran). THE LODGE PRINCE (10-5) ran his usual consistent race here on December 27th (2m 4f, £685, good to soft, 12 ran) when 5¾l 3rd to Samfan (10-13). NIKOOLA EVE (10-9) possibly still in need of race when 10½ 4th to High Plains (11-0) at Leicester (2m, £1748, soft, Dec 15, 22 ran) with TOMANN AROSA (10-9) never in contention.
Selection: LAKE VALENTINA

3.5 WIKE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,071: 2m 4f 100yd) (12 runners)

3	101042	TURKANA (J Upson) T Casey 7-11-7	E Buckley (3)	92	F3-1
4	PUP0-0P	STOWELL GROVE (R Lester) R Peacock 10-11-3	K Ryan	—	20-1
5	14-0122	AWNING (M Henriques) M Henriques 9-11-2		92	13-2
6	P4023/1	BARRYPHILIPS DISCO (I Ender) R Whitaker 10-11-2 (7ex)	R Hatfield (3)	90	7-2
7	4124U4	CORKER (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 11-11-1	T P Wilkes (3)	95	8-1
8	0P2P-30	GROUND MASTER (B,BF) (C Bell) C Bell 10-10-13	K Cotter (7)	95	10-1
9	3P004P	FLAMING TIDE (B) (J Poynton) P O'Connor 9-10-10	J R Quinn (3)	88	16-1
10	2P00/U0	MISS WOOD (R Robinson) R Robinson 12-10-9	C Dennis (3)	—	14-1
11	33-0021	JAUNTER (Whitting Comm Ltd) W Holden 7-10-8 (7ex)	K Townend (3)	94	5-1
13	2-04U4F	ALICE'S BOY (Mrs S Roberts) R B Francis 6-10-6	D Telfer (3)	● 93	10-1
14	230/P04	ANSURO (Miss R Scholey) R Scholey 10-10-5		90	12-1
15	000200	ANOTHER FLAME (H Mahroukl) W Storey 10-10-4		92	14-1

FORM TURKANA (10-13) failed to catch the winner when ½l 2nd to trail-blazing Esmons Owen (10-10) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1683, good, Dec 27, 9 ran). AWNING (10-0) lacked pace from the 2nd last when 2½l 2nd to Finnesko (11-1) at Stratford (2m, £1820, good to soft, Dec 29, 7 ran). BARRYPHILIPS DISCO (11-1) was having first outing for over 2 years when beating Shiree Bracken (11-2) 3l at Catterick (2m soft ch, £942, good to soft, Jan 1, 8 ran). On latest start CORKER (11-1) finished 38l 4th to Mr Chris (10-11) with MISS WOOD (10-9) 25l further away in 6th and ANOTHER FLAME (10-7) behind when unseating at the 12th at Catterick (3m 1f, £1649, good to soft, Jan1, 9 ran). JAUNTER (10-0) had GROUND MASTER (10-11) 10½l back in 3rd when winning at Fakenham (2m, £1142, good to soft, Dec 5, 7 ran). ALICE'S BOY (10-0) best judged on penultimate start when 15l 4th to Rouspeter (11-3) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £2208, soft, Dec 4, 9 ran).
Selection: ALICE'S BOY

3.40 HEALAUGH NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £689: 2m) (14 runners)

2	P1	GUNNER MAC (D) (F McHale) N Byrcroft 4-11-4	C Grant	87	3-1
4	321	NOS NA GAOITHE (V,CD) (P Green) M H Easterby 4-11-4	L Wyer	● 99	F5-4
9	0	ILLUMINATOR (I Armitage) M H Easterby 4-10-10	R Manley (7)	80	12-1
13		MISAAFF (H Al-Maktoum) Mrs D Haine 4-10-10	J J Quinn	—	13-2
14		NSHATTA PALACE (R Pegg) D Ringer 4-10-10	J Barlow	—	14-1
15	0	PENTLAND HAWK (S Hill) R Hollinshead 4-10-10	P Dever	—	8-1
16	0304F0	QUALITAIR KING (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 4-10-10	J D Davies (4)	79	20-1
17	F	ROLAMPAGO (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 4-10-10	S J O'Neill	—	5-1
18	0	STORMY PROSPECT (Benningtons Furniture Ltd) O O'Neill 4-10-10	M Caswell	91	14-1
21	0	VICARS LANDING (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 4-10-10		91	10-1
22	0	WILLIE THE MOON (Capt R Johnson) C Spares 4-10-10	J McLaughlin	—	14-1
23		BROADHURST (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 4-10-5	M Bastard	—	14-1
24	0F0	DASA QUEEN (J Upson) T Casey 4-10-5	R Dunwoody	—	12-1
25	00	SKELTON (G Turner) M W Easterby 4-10-5	P Tuck	—	12-1

FORM GUNNER MAC (10-12) kept on very well at Ayr last time on heavy ground, (2m, £685, Dec 20, 13 ran) beating Angel Dust (10-7) 3l. NOS NA GAOITHE (10-10) quickened nicely to beat Happy Breed (10-10) 8l here at Wetherby (2m, £2094, good to soft, Dec 27, 17 ran) with VICARS LANDING (10-10) 10¾l back in 5th, a below par QUALITAIR KING (10-10) in 6th, WILLIE THE MOON (10-10) and SKELTON (10-5) were never in the hunt. Previously, QUALITAIR KING (10-12) an 11¾l 4th to Currat Al Am (11-0) at Nottingham (2m, £2625, good to soft, Nov 21, 19 ran). PENTLAND HAWK (10-10) ran as though he would benefit from the outing when 19l 5th to Cornish Prince (10-10) at Leicester (2m, £714, soft, Nov 28, 19 ran) with ROLAMPAGO (10-10) certainly not out of it when falling 2 out, and DASA QUEEN (10-5) favourite when slipping up after the 2nd.
Selection: NOS NA GAOITHE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
Mrs M Dickinson	8	37	21.6
Jimmy Fitzgerald	21	105	20.0
M H Easterby	13	178	20.2
W A Stephenson	44	259	17.0
M W Easterby	13	85	15.3
Denys Smith	20	146	13.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
G Bradley	17	84	20.2
M Dwyer	18	98	18.4
C Grant	27	180	15.0
P Tuck	19	153	12.4
D Dutton	16	140	11.4
C Hawkins	18	166	10.8

Blackfeet helps the locals celebrate new Edinburgh racecourse in grand style

By Michael Seely

Wild Scottish yells of excitement broke out at Edinburgh yesterday when Geordie Dun on Blackfeet, the 13-8 favourite, landed clear of his rivals over the last fence in the Narbol Handicap Chase to romp home by 20 lengths ahead of The Howlet.

"What an honour and privilege to have won a race at Musselburgh's first jumping fixture," said an elated John Wilson, the trainer from Ayr. "Blackfeet loves this fast ground and a sharp track. Provided that the handicapper is not too unkind, he'll now go for the £25,000 Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot on January 17. He's a decent horse and we have got him back to his best."

A crowd of 4,500 packed the enclosure. "It's the biggest attendance we've had for years," said David McHarg, the clerk of the course, thrilled at the success of his venture. "I have been on tenterhooks for months and I am relieved that things have gone so well."

Jonjo O'Neill, having cut the tape at the opening ceremony at 11.30 when he was greeted by his old friend and ally, the dual champion hurdler, Sea Pigeon, who is now 18 years old, was another enthralled spectator. "

"It's so good to see something new starting when so many other things are being closed down," said the former champion jump jockey. "There's been a terrific atmosphere, with so many close finishes and the feeling of excitement with the horses racing so close to the stands."

Talking about his illness, O'Neill said: "I am going for my second-last course of chemotherapy tomorrow. The final treatment will be at the end of January and hopefully that will be it."

Both Lord Fairhaven, the senior steward of the Jockey Club, and Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, were also present. "It's all very encouraging and exhilarating. Hopefully it proves that racing is on the up and up. As far as all-weather tracks are concerned dirt is the only one of the three certainties being tested that is standing up to use. Racecourse applications have to be submitted in a fortnight's time and we hope to be taking decisions in six months," Lord Fairhaven said.

Sir Ian Trethowan commented: "It's been a marvellous day. And it's so good to have a new track opening in the north, particularly in Scotland, where they've had so many financial problems especially about rates."

The new course also received the thumbs-up sign from the professionals. After Ridley Lamb had driven Villierstown to a head victory over The Langholm Dyer in the Inauguration Cup, the jockey said: "There are no problems. They went a nice steady pace and the horses jumped the fences well."

Mark Dwyer, the jockeys' safety officer in the north, who rode Blue Tarquin into third place, added: "The track rides well and the going's perfect."

Arthur Stephenson, the winning trainer, and one of the most successful and experienced horsemen on the National Hunt scene, commented: "I think the fences are smashing and the horses seemed to jump them well. And I am particularly impressed by the new bends, which are far more gradual than I had expected."

The opening race on the programme, the 100 Pipers Handicap Hurdle, resulted in a nice little touch for the winning connections when Tot, backed down from 14-1 to 9-1, sprinted home two lengths clear of Night Guest. This was a victory in the best sporting tradition of the north and Alastair Charlton, a former champion point-to-point rider in the north, trains 16 horses on his farm at Stockfield in the Tyne Valley.

Tot was skilfully handled by Chris Dennis, an 18-year-old 7lb-claiming rider from Thirsk, who now works for Gordon Richards. "I thought we would win all the way up the straight," he said. "Tot is a bit of a thinker, but he loves the fast going and was always cantering."

Unfortunately, Peter Niven received slight concussion in a fall from What A Line at the last flight of hurdles. He was stood down for two days by Dr Michael Allen and Lamb was substituted on Firm Price, who had no difficulty in justifying favouritism for Mary Reveley in the Lothians Racing Syndicate Novices' Hurdle. This win gave the talented Lingdale trainer her 17th success of the season.

Billy Wells, a timber merchant from Lackerby, became the first Scottish trainer to saddle a winner on the new course when Hy Tab followed up his recent Ayr victory when storming home by 15 lengths in the Tennents Novices' Chase.

Bill Elsey was the second Yorkshire trainer to be successful when Dwyer produced State Jester with a well-timed run to overwhelm Hurricane Henry in the Musselburgh Links Hurdle.

Despite the long queues in the snack bars, the excitement rose to a crescendo as the afternoon reached its climax. The crowd went delirious with delight as Mausolee just got the better of the locally-trained Portavin Girl by a short head in the concluding "First Of Many" Stakes.

Rod Simpson, the Lambourn handler, therefore became the only southern trainer to produce a winner on this historic occasion. As always, trendily dressed on this occasion in a black leather outfit, he commented about Terry Ramsden's four-year-old, "I was hoping for a patent but I am perfectly to have had one winner," he said.

De Rigueur inquiry

The Jockey Club disciplinary committee are holding an inquiry at 10.30 am today to consider the positive sample taken from De Rigueur, trained by James Bethell, after he finished first in the Balmoral Handicap at Ascot on September 27.

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Montgomery.
1.15 Vodkatini.
1.45 Some Moor.
2.15 Steel Yeoman.
2.45 STIRABOUT (nap).
3.15 Baies.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 STIRABOUT

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

12.45 SOMERFIELD COURT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £712: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

3	00-43	BARNES STAR (T Fitchett) N Lee-Judson 5-11-5	M Kinane	● 99	7-2
7		GOLDEN LADDIE (C Willett) C Willett 8-11-5	Mr C Willett	—	20-1
8	P-	HANGING FIRE (W Wade) G Enright 8-11-5	M Perrett	—	20-1
11	0	KING VIV (D Marley) D Grissell 7-11-5	R Goldstein	—	16-1
12	0	MONTGOMERY (BF) (R Bott Wigmore St Ltd) F Winter 6-11-5	P Scudamore	—	7-2
14	P0	ORRAVAN (Mrs M Colkson) R Hoad 6-11-5	M Hoad (7)	—	20-1
15	000-00P	PELEGRIN (B) (N Jones) S Dow 5-11-5	R Rowe	76	6-1
17	00-	POLLEN BEE (Mrs L Dresher) C Sherwood 6-11-5	C Cox	—	8-1
18	240	RANDOM CHARGE (P De Wilde) J Jenkins 6-11-5	S Smith Eccles	98	F3-1
20	P	RIDLEY BOY (B) (D Welsh) A Turnell 5-11-5	Steve Knight	—	12-1
21	04P00-0	RIO BAY (S Christian) S Christian 7-11-5	R Beggan	92	9-2
27	P00-	MOORLAND LADY (P Curley) A Denson 5-11-0		—	20-1
28		SUMCIEL (O Henley) P Butler 6-11-0	Mr P Townsley	—	25-1
29	0	RUN FOR YOUR WIFE (J Dunn) Miss B Sanders 4-10-10	W Morris	—	20-1
30	04	THE MOON AND BACK (R Lawrence) J Davies 4-10-10	G Hewer (7)	—	8-1

1986: No corresponding meeting

1.15 CLIFTONVILLE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,966: 2m) (7 runners)

1	40-F410	FEARLESS IMP (J Truman) R Shepherd 12-11-10	R Stronge	● 99	3-1
3	212-031	VODKATINI (D Richardson Horse Racing) P Haynes 8-11-6 (8ex)	A Webb	91	F2-1
4	411334	FAST FLIGHT (D) (D Woollard) J Fitch-Heyes 12-11-5	Penny Fitch-Heyes (7)	96	4-1
5	304-1U0	BALLIMA (B) (J Murray) D Grissell 9-10-13	R Goldstein	93	6-1
6	11-F12F	AUTUMN ZULU (CD) (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 8-10-10	R Rowell	94	4-1
8	00P-004	GREENORE PRIDE (A Bard Tennis Courts) P Burgoyne 10-10-0	P Barton	90	10-1
9	F000-PR	WEAVERSLAKE (B Daley) G Ripley 11-10-0	Mr A Kelleway	—	20-1

1.45 PEASMARSH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,010: 2m 6f) (20 runners)

7	003100-	ALCAZABA (A Pasel) J Davies 5-11-7	M Brown	90	3-1
8	0040-00	TIPO STYLE (B,D) (D Bentley) P Bevan 8-11-6		92	6-1
9	40000P-	LETCHWORTH (C Driscoll) H O'Neill 6-11-5	M Hoad	93	16-1
10	00-0000	SHUTTLECOCK STAR (D) (A Caton) J Bridger 5-11-5	Penny Fitch-Heyes	94	10-1
11	0P-0000	AMBERWELL (Mrs P Bevan) P Bevan 11-11-5	J Barton	95	16-1
12	0/0003-0	VAGABOND VICTOR (C,D) (R Hall) P Allingham 11-11-4	J Robson	87	12-1
13	233/000	KEEP SAUNTERING (W Turner) W G Turner 8-11-3	Jessica Charles Jones	—	20-1
16	0-000FU	LIFT HIGH (M Endicott) D R Tucker 8-10-12	D Meadow	—	16-1
17	F-U3F0P	JUBILEE LIGHTS (B Gordon) P Pritchard 10-10-10	M Bowlby	—	25-1
18	3400-00	EDOZIEN (Mrs M Lethbridge) M Dickinson 8-10-10	J Lower	● 99	7-1
20	0/0-0414	SOME MOOR (BF) (M Brown) R Hodges 7-10-9	W Irvine	91	F7-4
21	002300	ASCOT AGAIN (B) (Mrs D Farrell) J P Smith 11-10-7	G Landau	90	12-1
22	FP0-000	KALIMPONG (P Butler) P Butler 5-10-6	Leisa Burnham	88	20-1
23	0000/P-0	DARAHEEN SNIPER (Mrs L Groves) W G Turner 5-10-5	Tracy Turner	—	25-1
24	0F0030	FADING DAWN (O Henley) P Butler 10-10-5		83	16-1
25	0PP-00	TOM'S LASS (B) (M Trusler) B Wise 5-10-5	J Clarke	—	20-1
26	0F/P0P	SHARED JOKE (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 5-10-5	Dale McKeown		25-1
27	0FP4-PF	ERNIE'S KEEP (G Ripley) G Ripley 12-10-5	M Ahern	—	25-1
28	008/	CAVAN PRINCESS (P Houlihan) A Denson 5-10-5	V Smith	—	25-1
29	00000-0	SHARAZOUR (K Roberts) Mrs S Roberts 7-10-5	G Hewer	—	25-1

2.15 FAIR ROSAMUND HANDICAP CHASE (£2,239: 3m 2f) (17 runners)

1	P04P-P2	CRANLOME (Mrs P Fanning) R Champion 9-11-13	M Richards	98	7-2
2	0412P-00	SPRINGWOOD (A Oldrey) G Hartigan 10-11-10	S McNeill	89	9-2
3	F113F0/	THREE CHANCES (CD) (M Perry) R Champion 8-11-9	R Hendricks	—	20-1
4	32-343F	MR CANDY (BF) (A Moore) A Moore 8-11-5	G Moore	97	9-2
7	11F20-0	SWIFT MESSENGER (B) (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 8-11-1	R Crank	86	12-1
8	4P0-U16	STEEL YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 9-10-13	R Rowe	94	6-1
9	214020	ANSWER TO PRAYER (J Fitch-Heyes) J Fitch-Heyes 8-10-12	R Goldstein	92	14-1
10	F0040-P	YOUNG BLOOD (P Doherty) S Christian 8-10-12	R Beggan	85	20-1
11	F/P3021	SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (R Dove) Miss L Bower 11-10-10 (4ex)	R Rowell	● 96	F5-2
12	404014	CITADEL ROC (B) (Miss R Dudley) J Bradley 12-10-9	G Davies	93	5-1
13	3011U0/	DERYCAN (Lady Sarah FitzAlan-Howard) Lady Herries 11-10-7	M Kinane	—	20-1
14	000P/44	WOODLANDS LAD (D) (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 12-10-5	R Stronge	—	25-1
15	000/FF/1-	LANDAS ROCKET (Miss Z Davison) G Gracey 9-10-4	G McCourt	90	14-1
17	3PP/PP-3	SERVILIA (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 11-10-2	J Akehurst	—	16-1
18	FP-30UF	SWAG JACKET (B Edgeley) Mes L Bower 9-10-0	R Arnott	93	16-1
20	P/0P30-0	DUSTY RUN (A Wadziak) R Shepherd 7-10-0	Mrs C Swallman	—	20-1
22	0P/4PP4	POOR EXCUSE (O Henley) P Butler 12-10-0	Mr P Townsley	—	20-1

2.45 M20 NOVICE CHASE (£1,924: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

5	43P-F41	LARRY-O (D) (D Andrews) F Winter 7-11-10	P Scudamore	80	4-1
6	22-0131	STIRABOUT (B) (E Thorbek) N Henderson 7-11-10	S Smith Eccles	● 99	F3-4
8	02-FF03	SOYNE SALMON (B) (T Duke) Miss L Bower 7-11-3	R Rowell	79	6-1
9	120434	BRONSKI (P McHale) J Jenkins 6-11-3	H Davies	87	3-1
11	F0/	CECCONI (C Willett) C Willett 10-11-3	Mr C Willett	—	25-1
13	00	FAST ESCAPE (Mrs D Wigan) J Gifford 5-11-3	R Rowe	—	20-1
14	0-	FORTASCUE (M Sanderson) P Haynes 7-11-3	E Murphy

Steering a course of national romance towards the grail

In the first of three articles from Fremantle on the skippers who are dominating the America's Cup races, David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, profiles Chris Dickson, who has taken his yacht, New Zealand, to 37 wins in 38 contests

The America's Cup is doing more for New Zealand than rugby ever did. Eleven youngsters aboard Kiwi Magic are putting a song in the heart of the little nation as they ride their 12-metre on a rolling, foaming crest. The fever that swamped Australia in 1983 will pale beside the enthusiasm in New Zealand should they win this treasured grail of yachting.

Chris Dickson, an unflinchingly hard-faced skipper, steers the course of a national romance. With a patriotic lyric superimposed upon a lilting, traditional Maori melody, the Kiwi campaign song *Sailing Away* is the biggest selling record in New Zealand history. It has topped the charts for 19 of the past 26 weeks.

Here in Fremantle, every day brings the kind of sunny cloudless skies and steady stiff winds of which your average British yachtsman dreams as he shivers over a hot rum in a damp bunk. It is the scene next week — out on Gage Road between the old commercial port, with its spanking new yacht harbours, and shimmering Rottnest Island with its unique, friendly little quokkas, half rat, half kangaroo — of a classic confrontation: the kid sailing in his first 12-metre against Dennis Conner, the legendary doyen of match racing, for the right to attempt to take the Cup away from the Australians.

Two secretaries work full-time here in the headquarters of Michael Fay, the merchant banking millionaire chairman of New Zealand's challenge, answering the flood of fan mail; well-wishers from kindergarten to grandparents responding to that feeling of euphoria stirred since before Nelson by the sight of graceful ships expertly sailed.

The day Conner lost in Newport, Rhode Island, the America's Cup truly became a global vehicle of national identity for the first time. Yet the beauty of a sailing boat transcends language or nationality, and Fremantle during this glorious southern summer has witnessed, never mind the hollow controversy over New Zealand's glass fibre hull, the most spectacular racing regatta in history. It is not finished yet by far, as the Californian accents pouring into town testify.

Sitting among the other helmsmen at post-race Press conferences, Dickson, aged 25 two months ago, behaves like some Soviet member of an international committee. Tom Blackaller, defeated last week by Conner, may jest, and the sensitive, chivalrous Marc Pajot may sigh regret. Dickson with his thin, tight mouth and unblinking ice-blue eyes, stares through and past the audience as though they were not there. His answers are bland: they inform little, they concede nothing.

He is, like Conner, the definitive competitor. You sense that, in a best-of-101 series, Dickson would win 51-0 if he possibly could. Conner had better watch out for the young man, with the assertive gaze of a McEnroe, who has won 37 of 38 races here so far.

Yet away from the public platform or the ruthlessness of the race course, Dickson is comparatively relaxed; no, he says, he wasn't driven to be successful by his parents. His father Roy, who is involved in the campaign, merely supported him and his three brothers, whatever they did, "as long as we did something". His self-motivation, he thinks, probably came from his mother, Marilyn, who was born in Bournemouth and lived there until she was 22.

"I don't think as a crew we're arrogant, or big-headed, or that I am," Dickson says. "We're just very realistic. We're on the water first of all the crews every day because we need to be. If I seem hard, I'm very hard on myself. I'm very aware of the standards of Conner and others. With so much less 12-metre experience, I have to work hard."

At the age of only 23, Dickson was one of the world's top two or three match-racing helmsmen, though none of it as yet in 12-metres. A couple of years ago he beat Harry Cudmore, the skipper of Britain's White Crusader and regarded as one of the best, more times than he lost. The rest of the crew on Kiwi Magic, also without prior 12-metre experience, are similar to Dickson: young, and with exceptional seamanship background.

Earl Williams, his bowman, for instance, is a former watch captain on Flyer, the round-the-world racer, "with more responsibility than I ever have". Williams can look at the rig of a rival 12-metre a hundred feet away with as discerning an eye as anyone. Mike Quilter, the navigator, was a sail maker with Australia II in Newport.

"I don't need to be authoritarian on board," Dickson says. "Brad Butterworth, our tactician, calls the shots when we're racing. As a crew we work together. We're equally qualified, we're all young, and we don't have preconceived ideas [the average age is 25]. I don't think we're vulnerable going into the final elimination series against Conner. If there's a weakness on our boat one day, you can be sure it won't be there the next day. It may sound brash to say so, but of, say, a hundred problems we've had over three months, we've always eliminated them."

The key to New Zealand's success, apart from the harmony and collective intelligence of the crew, has been the controversial use, for the first time in 12-metres, of glass fibre by the design team of Laurie Davidson, Bruce Farr and Ron Holland. Not only has it proved to be, contrary to predictions a year ago, 20 per cent stronger and stiffer than aluminium — some experts have said the hull would become flexible in constant pounding by heavy seas and would distort adjustment of rig and sail — but there has been another vital factor little acknowledged.

From the original mould, identical boats could be built. KZ5 was second in the world championship early last year, and KZ7 could subsequently be developed on the water against KZ5 with exact reference, varying one factor at a time: fundamental to any technical research. "It's so easy with fibre-glass to tune up identical boats," Fay says. "There's a difference of only 80 kilos, one man's weight, in 30 tons." Fay, putting up nearly all the money with his banking partner, David Richwhite, went for a small management structure — like Alan Bond's in Newport — free of interference from club or sponsors. "We didn't want to be running a rich man's yacht club," he says, with undisguised reference to some of the fallen syndicates here and at Newport in 1983.

Starting with little money, compared to other syndicates, and relatively little time, the New Zealanders have been quick learners. Dickson points out that as a guide to the elimination final with Conner that, losing their first and only race of the preliminary rounds to Conner in October, they won both of the next two against him. Dickson is not intimidated by Conner's reputation.

"Our reaction time is small, and whenever we've been behind we've responded," he says. "If we have a problem in the first hour and a half of a race, we usually solve it over the last hour and a half. No boat has come from behind the way we have on the last beat against Canada, Crusader and French Kiss twice. We have won more starts than anyone, including all three so far against Stars and Stripes. I've been match racing for eight years, with as many races in the last five years as any other skipper. If we were sailing conventional old long-keels, then it would be different. But with short keels, with a new breed of boat, it's a new ball game. These are Harrier jets, not supertankers. That's the difference between Liberty (in 1983) and Stars and Stripes. There's a new breed of pilot."

The confidence irrepressibly reasserts itself, without being objectionable. No wonder his countrymen are rooting for him. Some commentators here think Conner's unrivalled experience over four America's Cups will give him four straight wins in the best-of-seven. Dickson has rationalised that belief.

"He's got 10 years, we've got 10 months," he admits. "We hope everything else we've got is good enough and has closed the gap. One thing is sure. They won't beat us two days running for the same reason. They won't even beat us on the same beat on the same day for the same reason. We'll see to that."

Those who expected young Dickson to crack under the stress of five months of racing might as well hope to push over a Kiwi front row with a peashooter.



Giving nothing away: Chris Dickson, an unflinchingly hard-faced young man

TOMORROW

Dennis Conner, the great match racer

YACHTING

Cup race waits because of wind

From Barry Pickthall
Fremantle

The promising head-to-head for a place in the final defence trials between Alan Bond's Australia IV and the second Taskforce 10 12-metre, Kookaburra II, was postponed yesterday moments before the start when winds began gusting above 30 knots. The decision came as a bitter blow to the Kookaburra skipper, Peter Gilmour, whose gripping pre-start tactics had Colin Beashel and his crew completely outfoxed in the closing seconds before the gun was due to fire. For five minutes, Beashel appeared to have the upper hand in the rising wind and seas as Australia chased Kookaburra around the start area. Then, just as the preparatory flag broke out on the committee boat, Gilmour headed off into the spectator fleet, sold the Bond crew a dummy tack, then gybed to confront Beashel as the two boats re-emerged from the fleet. Australia IV was caught dead in the water, and as the Bond crew struggled to gybe round, Gilmour pounced to take the upper hand as the two yachts raced for the start line. If the final seconds had run out as planned, Kookaburra II would certainly have held a significant advantage, but the abandonment signal, fired 40 seconds before the start, gave Beashel and his crew a lucky second chance to turn the tables on Gilmour in today's re-match.

The race chairman, Dr Stan Reid, said that the race had been abandoned because conditions would not have provided a fair test for the two yachts. "Conditions deteriorated remarkably from the time of posting the course signals until the time of abandonment," he said.

DEFENDER SERIES

RESULTS: Yesterday: Australia IV v Kookaburra II, abandoned.

	Wt.	Pts
Australia IV	2611	71
Kookaburra III	298	71
Kookaburra II	2215	64

TODAY'S RACE: Australia IV v Kookaburra II.

Looming out of the Highland mist and into the world's limelight

Lynch the golden Scots Cinderella

The British public could be forgiven for thinking that Liz Lynch had been locked up in a crofter's cottage for 20 years before escaping from the Highlands to win the Commonwealth 10,000 metres in Edinburgh last summer. Having spent her formative years on a scholarship in the mid-western United States meant that even her compatriots had the element of surprise to heighten their elation at the only Scottish athletics gold of the Games.

Miss Lynch could soon have the same effect on a much broader audience on the evidence of last Saturday's runaway victory in the Malhask international cross-country in Belfast. It was the second time this winter that Miss Lynch had taken 30 seconds out of British international contemporaries in little more than a dozen minutes of running.

If she can maintain that impressive form she is going to take some beading in the world cross-country championships in Warsaw on March 22 — and that presumes the presence of such distance-running luminaries as Ingrid Kristiansen, Maricica Puica and Zola Budd, the current champion.

After her Belfast victory Miss Lynch showed commendable assurance at the prospect of facing Miss Budd when she said: "I used to think Zola was untouchable when she first came here. But now I think I can beat her because I know she is beatable. I did it in the 2,000 metres in the United Kingdom-Commonwealth match at Gateshead immediately after Edinburgh. I shall get a chance to test myself against Kristiansen when we run in the 10-kilometres road race in Bali next month. In Warsaw I'll get a better idea of what I can do."

There is the little problem of getting to Warsaw. It is inconceivable that the Scottish selectors would ignore a potential world champion in the last year that the four home countries will be permitted to compete separately in any event. But Miss Lynch is not so sure.

"I was actually in New York at the time of the 1984 championships and had proved my fitness. They wouldn't have had to pay for transport but they still ignored me. And I haven't heard from any official since winning the Commonwealth 10,000 metres."

When Miss Lynch falls to talking about Scottish officialdom her chatty demeanour becomes rather dour. But Miss Lynch feels that Scottish officials have not been too kind to her in the past.

Her opinions are as forthright as her running tactics. The morning after her Commonwealth success she had Scottish officials shifting uneasily in their chairs and gazing out of the windows at the crest of Arthur's Seat as she said: "When my first coach, Harry Bennett, died I was left in the lurch. I tried to get sponsors but it seemed like there were only two or three athletes that anyone cared about in Scotland."

That is what sent her stepping westwards from Dundee three years ago at the age of 19 to Junior College in Idaho, where she met Peter McColgan, the Northern Ireland steeplechaser, whose home she was staying at last week, a few miles from the City of Belfast playing-field that she sped over so impressively on Saturday.

Miss Lynch took her headstrong attitude with her when the young couple went to the University of Alabama and she was barred from college competition last year for breaking the stringent laws prohibiting students from accepting prize-money.

She could still have finished her course in Alabama this year but decided to stay in Britain and place herself under the tutelage of John Anderson, the fellow Scot responsible for the training regime which took Dave Moorcroft to a succession of medals and a 5,000 metres world record. She now lives with her folks in Dundee.

"I'm running better than ever with John, so I can't really argue. He's a great motivator, too. He really believes what I'm capable of, so we'll get what we both think I can do." On the evidence of the last six months, that will be a lot more substantial than a Highland mist.

Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent



Well in the running: Lynch the new cross-country luminary

SQUASH RACKETS

Biggest getting bigger

By Colin McQuillan

With many of the world's top junior players involved in the final stages of British Open championships for under-19, under-16 and under-14 titles in various parts of the country, InterCity, the sponsors of the national championships, chose this week to announce the expansion of their already widespread commitment to grass-roots squash by adding special categories for schoolchildren to their giant national tournament.

The InterCity National Challenge has already earned its place in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the largest tournament in the world. Last year more than 7,000 club players from all over England took part in the year-long competition.

This year entries will be accepted in 17 different categories of age, occupation and proficiency to produce grass-roots national winners across the spectrum of a sport now pursued by more than three million Britons. Final stages are scheduled for the all-transparent showcourt during the InterCity national championships at Bristol next November.

"We anticipate a Challenge entry of more than 10,000 this year," Mike Lancaster, marketing manager for the British Rail passenger service, said during the launch of the new challenge at Cannons Club in London, where InterCity also sponsor a national league team.

Entry forms are available from all squash clubs, most mainline British Rail stations or by telephoning the Challenge hotline on 01-828 3067.

This new aspect of the InterCity Challenge will answer a demand for more competitions and cater for the younger, up-and-coming enthusiasts, helping them to develop competitive techniques at an early age in a national event.

Bob Morris, chief executive of the Squash Rackets Association, sees the addition to the Challenge as a positive move for the game. "The key to future growth and success in British squash lies in attracting the maximum possible number of young players into the game," he said.

CRICKET

Dyson's marathon ensures a draw

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

A resolute stand of 225 in 349 minutes between John Dyson and Michael Haysman, who both made hundreds, effectively ensured that the second representative match between South Africa and the unofficial Australian team would be drawn. Barring a dramatic South African collapse play today is likely to be of academic interest.

This pitch so favours batsmen that Dyson has said he would like to play here, for Western Province, should he stay on after the Australian tour ends next month. Rackemann is another who may play Currie Cup cricket.

Several West Indians who came on the unofficial 1982-83 and 1983-84 tours are still playing here, including Collis King, who was assaulted in a hotel bar in Durban over the weekend. The Australians are to stay in the same hotel for the next representative match, and security will be tightened.

South Africa hope to have Pollock fit for that match, the third of four in this series. In dropping a catch on Saturday afternoon Pollock dislocated one finger and later discovered he had fractured another. So he was spared much of Dyson's marathon innings of 198.

In all, Dyson batted for 580 minutes and hit 23 fours.

A wicket did not fall from 4.52 on Saturday until 4.10 yesterday. Then Haysman, on 97, chopped a ball to backward point and did not respond to Dyson's call. Dyson departed and Haysmen duly completed his century in 352 minutes with 11 fours.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 493 (P N Kirsten 173, B J Whitfield 77, C E B Rice 72, R G Pollock 66; J N Maguire four for 116).

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings

S B Smith c MacKenzie b le Roux	2
J Dyson run out	198
K C Wessels lbw b le Roux	36
*K J Hughes c Richardson b le Roux	48
M D Taylor c and b le Roux	0
M D Haysman not out	143
T V Hohns c Kirsten b McMillan	0
†S J Rixon c Richardson b McMillan	1
J N Maguire c Kirsten b McMillan	20
C G Rackemann not out	0
Extras (lb 19)	19
Total (8 wkts)	467

R J McCurdy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-78, 3-168, 4-170, 5-395, 6-399, 7-401, 8-453.

BOWLING: le Roux 37-12-73-4; Page 38-8-104-0; Koune 39-10-87-0; McMillan 35-10-83-3; Rice 30-8-57-0; Kirsten 11-0-44-0.

Kapil takes command

Cuttack, India (Reuter) — India were boosted by a century stand between Kapil Dev and Vengsarkar, and then snapped up two Sri Lankan wickets cheaply, as they took control of the third and final Test match at the Barabati stadium yesterday.

The captain, Kapil Dev, hit 60, and Vengsarkar scored his Test-career highest of 166 with 14 fours from 279 balls. The pair put on 111 for the sixth wicket in 25 overs. They lifted India from an overnight 224 for three to 400 all out. Sri Lanka captured the last five wickets for 17, but their delight was tempered by losing Wettimuny and Ratnayeke, their openers, before the close of the second day when they were 37-2.

At close, Indian fielders had hemmed in Gurusinghe and the night-watchman, Asoka de Silva, but the two batsmen survived on a pitch of uneven bounce.

INDIA: First Innings

S M Gavaskar lbw b Ratnayeke	5
K Srikkanth b Ratnayake	40
M Amarnath b Anurasiri	38
D B Vengsarkar lbw b Ratnayeke	156
R Lamba lbw b Ratnayeke	24
R J Shastri c de Silva b Ratnayeke	19
*Kapil Dev b Anurasiri	60
S Arun c Ranatunga b Anurasiri	2
†K S More not out	8
N S Yadav st de Alwis b Anurasiri	4
Maninder Singh lbw b Ratnayeke	2
Extras (b 8, lb 18, nb 8)	34
Total	400

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-70, 3-164, 4-225, 5-272, 6-383, 7-385, 8-387, 9-397, 10-400.

BOWLING: Ratnayake 30-5-99-1; Ratnayeke 27.3-3-85-5; E A R de Silva 40-4-114-0; Anurasiri 26-3-71-4; Ranatunga 4-2-5-0.

SRI LANKA: First Innings

S Wettimuny c Kapil Dev b Maninder	6
J R Ratnayeke c Srikkanth b Yadav	20
A P Gurusinghe not out	4
E A R de Silva not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 5)	6
Total (2 wkts)	37

P A de Silva, R L Das, *L R D Mendis, A Ranatunga, R J Ramayake, †R G de Alwis and S D Anurasiri to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-33.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 6-1-14-0; Arun 4-3-7-0; Maninder 6-3-9-1; Yadav 4-3-1-1.

MCC rent to highest bidders

By Richard Streeton

For the first time in MCC's 200-year history non-members, as well as those entitled to wear the yellow and orange tie, will have the opportunity to acquire a box at Lord's, with the cost for five years likely to be more than £200,000.

The financial links between big business and sport, crucial these days for the survival of cricket and other games, were underlined at Lord's yesterday when MCC disclosed how they intend to pay for the new £5 million Mound stand. Paul Getty, the cricket-loving scion of the oil dynasty, as previously known, has donated £2 million and MCC plan to raise the remainder by leasing boxes in the stand under a debenture scheme. Business houses are expected to put in the largest tenders.

"The scheme might also attract a cricket enthusiast with plenty of money, like Mick Jagger," Sir Anthony Tuke, chairman of MCC's finance committee, said. Some 13 of the 27 boxes in the new stand and eight hospitality units, which have slightly different facilities, are on offer for one year or five-year periods.

A brochure outlining the scheme has been prepared by MCC, who have set February 9 as the deadline for tenders for the facilities, which will be available when the stand is opened properly in time for the Test match with Pakistan starting on June 18. "Already there have been over 300 applications for details from interest parties," Michael Mence, an assistant secretary of MCC, said.

By employing an interest-free loan scheme MCC are falling into line beside several other major sports grounds, not least in rugby union, and racecourses. A minimum tender of £150,000 for a box for five years will put it out of reach for most private individuals.

But the tax relief available, together with the opportunity to entertain clients on important occasions, makes it a tempting proposition for business houses.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday January 10 unless stated

FA CUP THIRD ROUND

2 Aldershot v Oxford
X A Villa v Chelsea
1 Coventry v Bolton
1 Everton v Luton
2 Fulham v Swindon
2 Grimsby v Stoke
1 Ipswich v Birmingham
1 Man U v Man C
1 Norwich v Huddersfld
1 Oldham v Bradford
2 Orient v West Ham
1 Portsmth v Blackburn
1 QPR v Leicester
2 Reading v Arsenal
1 Shrewsbury v Hull
X Swansea v WBA
V Telford v Leeds
(Playing Sunday)
1 Tottenham v Scunthorpe
1 Watford v Maidstone
1 Wigan v Gillingham
1 Wimbledon v Sunderlnd
1 Wrexham v Chester
Not on coupons: Bristol City v Plymouth; Caernarfon v Barnsley; Charlton v Walsall; Crystal Palace v Nottingham Forest (Sunday); Luton v Liverpool (Sunday); Middlesbrough v Preston; Millwall v Cardiff; Newcastle v Northampton, Sheffield United v Brighton; Sheffield Wednesday v Derby

THIRD DIVISION

X Chesterfld v Blackpool
Not on coupons: Bournemouth v Brentford; Darlington v York (Sunday); Doncaster v Mansfield (Sunday); Notts County v Newport

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Torquay
1 Camb U v Wolves
1 Colchester v Lincoln
X Crewe v Rochdale
Not on coupons: Southend v Peterborough; Tranmere v Hartlepool

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

X Cheltenham v Runcorn
2 Enfield v Scarboro
2 Frickley v Altrincham
X Gateshd v Nuneaton
1 Kidderminstr v Dagenham
2 Stafford v Barnet
1 Sutton U v Boston
X Welling v Wealdstone

MULTIPART LEAGUE

2 Gainsboro v Bangor
1 Marine v Worksop
1 Matlock v S Liverpool
1 Morecambe v Burton
2 Moseley v Buxton
1 Oswestry v Horwich
2 Workington v Rhyl

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Hearts
X Dundee U v Celtic
X Falkirk v Hamilton
2 Hibernian v St Mirren
2 Motherwell v Dundee
1 Rangers v Clydebank

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Kilmarnock
2 Brechin v Dunfermline
1 Dumbarton v Montrose
1 Forfar v Clyde
2 Partick v Morton
2 Q of Sth v E Fife

SCOTTISH FA CUP SECOND ROUND

X Rothes v Peterhead
1 St Johnstne v Cn's Pk
X Stirling v Midwbrk
2 Stranraer v Ayr

Not on coupons: Albion v Whitehill; Inverness Caledonian v Spartans; Rath v Vale of Leithen; Stenhousemuir v Berwick

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Swansea, Chesterfield, Crewe, Cheltenham, Gateshead, Welling, Dundee United, Falkirk, Rothes, Stirling. Next best: Queen of the South.
BEST DRAWS: Chesterfield, Gateshead, Welling, Dundee United, Stirling.
AWAYS: Oxford, West Ham, Arsenal, Dunfermline, Morton.
HOMES: Coventry, Everton, Manchester United, Norwich, Oldham, Portsmouth, Tottenham, Watford, Burnley, Marine, Rangers, Dumbarton.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Coventry, Tottenham, Rangers. Aways: West Ham, Arsenal, Northampton. Draws: Swansea, Chesterfield, Dundee United.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Scottish premier division
Dundee Utd v St Mirren
Hibernian v Hearts
Motherwell v Rangers

Scottish first division
Dunfermline v Clyde
Partick v Queen of Sth

Scottish second division
Alloa v Stranraer
Cowdenbeath v Berwick
Queen's Park v Meadowbank

Freight Rover Trophy Preliminary round
Bournemouth v Cardiff
Brentford v Swindon (7.45)
Fulham v Southend
Newport v Port Vale
Rochdale v York

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Derby v Manchester United; Manchester City v Coventry (6.45). Postponed: Everton v Sunderland. Second division: Blackpool v Wigan; Bradford v Doncaster; Notts County v Preston; Rotherham v Grimsby.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich v Norwich (2.0). Postponed: Charlton v Tottenham.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Sutton v Dulwich.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Bridgnorth v Willenhall; Crawley v Ashford. Second round: Aylesbury v Trowbridge; Canterbury v Tonbridge; Chatham v Erith and Belvedere; Dartford v Fisher; Woodford v Grantham.
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wealdstone v Gillingham.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Horsham YMCA v Portfield.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Slough v Tooting and Mitcham; Wycombe v Hitchin. First division: Finchley v Maidenhead United (7.45); Staines v Hampton; Uxbridge v Boreham Wood. Second division north: Saffron Walden v Harlow. Second division south: Banstead v Metropolitan Police; Harefield v Camberley.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Oxford United v Southampton (2.0).
KNIGHT FLOODLIGHT COMPETITION: Rainham v Wivenhoe; Heybridge v Barking.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Neath v South Glamorgan Institute (7.0); Rosslyn Park v Durham University.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Milk International tournament (at Belfast); National League: Carlsberg first division men: Sharp Manchester United v BPCC Rams Derby (8.0).
BOWLS: Ely International Masters.
REAL TENNIS: Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (at Blackpool).
SQUASH RACKETS: Abbey National Women's British open junior championships, under 19 final (at Gloucester 12.30); Recol Rothwell Invitation championship (at Leeds, 7.30); American Express Premier League (6.30): Ardleigh Hall v Chapel Allerton; Visco Monroe v InterCity Cannons; Manchester Northern v Halls West Country; Arrow Village v Poundstretcher Dunsinga Mill; Home Ales Nottingham v Central Skol Oadby.
VOLLEYBALL: Pickfords international tournament: England v Japan (7.0); Sweden v Norway (9.0) (at Alexandra Pavilion).

SKIING

Schneider piles on sweeping Swiss dominance

Saalbach, Austria (Reuter) — Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, stretched her lead in the World Cup overall and giant slalom standings after a blistering first leg yesterday.

Schneider was the only racer to dip under 57 seconds on the 41-gate course and skied conservatively on the top half in the second leg to win in 1min 53.69sec, comfortably ahead of Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, in 1:54.06.

The Swiss again showed their domination of this season's World Cup with five racers among the top 10, and Maria Walliser, the overall World Cup champion, finishing third.

"I was a bit slow in the top half of the second leg and I knew I had to make up for it in the lower half if I wanted to win," Schneider said jubilantly after her second consecutive giant slalom victory this season.

The Americans are also reaching top form before the world championships in Crans Montana this month with Tamara McKinney consolidating on her slalom victory in Courmayeur by clocking the fastest second-leg time of 56.57sec when the course was cut to 38 gates, while Eva Twardokens, third in the giant slalom at the last world championships, finished sixth after moving up from sixteenth in the first leg.

Heavy overnight snow slowed the course, but organizers promised a harder course for today's super-giant, a Walliser forte. She won in Val d'Isere, while Schneider finished third.

Yesterday was another disaster for the Austrians: none of their demoralized squad was able to finish among the top 10 on a home course, while for the first time in history they have no skier in the top 10 in the overall standings.

RESULTS: Giant slalom (Swiss unless stated): 1, V Schneider, 1min 53.69sec; 2, M Svet (Yug), 1:54.06; 3, M Walliser, 1:54.76; 4, T McKinney (US), 1:54.81; 5, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 1:54.88; 6, E Twardokens (US), 1:55.53; 7, E Hess, 1:55.57; =8, B Oertli and M Gerg (WG), 1:55.58; 10, M Figini, 1:55.59; 11, M Kiehl (WG), 1:55.79; 12, C Marie (Fr), 1:55.99; 13, D Armstrong (US), 1:56.00; 14, I Salvenmoser (Ausma), 1:56.08; 15, T Haecher (WG) and A Wachter (Austria), 1:56.17.
STANDINGS: Giant slalom: 1, Schneider, 77pts; 2, Walliser, 60; 3, Fernandez-Ochoa, 47; 4, Svet and Hess, 40; 6, Gerg, 36, 7, Figini, 33; 8, McKinney, 21, 9, Oerli, 19; 10, C Quittet (Fr), 17. Overall: (after 13 races), 1, Schneider, 151pts; 2, Walliser, 125; 3, Hess, 108; equal 4, McKinney and Oertli, 93; equal 6, Schmidhauser and Figini, 70; 8, Svet, 68, equal 9, Gerg and Quittet, 58. Team: 1, Switzerland, 689pts; 2, Ausma, 301; 3, United States, 160; 4, West Germany, 151, 5, France, 133; 6, Yugoslavia, 78.

Kendall award

Howard Kendall of Everton, whose five wins during December brought a feast of goals — 21 for and only four against — has been named Bell's Scotch Whisky Manager of the Month.

All is buoyancy in the schoolboys' ball game

FOOTBALL 1987



In the last of our series on the issues confronting football in 1987 **Steve Allatt** (above), the general secretary of the English Schools Football Association, assesses the moral value of the sport at school level

As our national game, football has attracted media coverage for over a century, with, until comparatively recently, a praiseworthy concentration on the positive elements, such as the quality of team play, individual skills and embryonic tactics.

There was rarely, as regrettably there is today, a recourse to those peripheral elements which span the continuum from the sensational to the downright scurrilous.

It is not pure nostalgia which persuades the older spectator to long for a return to the coverage of the game *per se*. Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, recently spoke on television of his desire to see the love of the game as the focal point.

This was not sentimental romanticism but rather a *cri de coeur* to allow those ingredients which have brought the game international recognition to flourish without highlighting those aspects which are not rightly of, or in, football itself.

Sadly, the macrocosm of today's society is clearly evident in the microcosm of football hooliganism and, whatever the pros and cons of the many debates on this topic, certainly those at all levels of football cannot retreat to their ivory towers adopting a holier-than-thou stance.

Yet there has to be recognition by society as a whole that this malaise is with, rather than of, football, while those in the game must concentrate on ensuring that every effort is directed to nurturing those elements upon which Graham Taylor lays such great store.

It is to this end that schoolboy football has channelled its energies for over 80 years, striving to achieve — as detailed in the prime objective of the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) — "the mental, moral and physical development and improvement of schoolboys through the medium of association football".

There is no doubt that the thousands of schoolteachers who give up their time voluntarily to provide and promote football for schoolchildren across the age range will strive to ensure in 1987 the achievement of this objective.

In this it cannot be overemphasized that the individual teacher is the catalyst. It would be churlish, however, not to express appreciation of the significant contribution made in the process by both the Football Association and the Football League and, indeed, other areas of senior football.

Through such avenues as centres of excellence, fun weeks, super skills, coaching courses and centres, as well as tangible financial backing, the FA provides complementary support to the efforts of schoolteachers. The League, too, readily assists in many ways. This close liaison can only prove of mutual benefit in the further development of the game.

The year ahead will also see the completion of the two ESFA nationwide surveys on curricula and extra-curricular participation. The former, to which there were over 4,000 respondees, has resulted in numerous requests for assistance in teaching football, for information on the FA's resources and for the coaching centres to be established in schools rather than leisure centres. These points are at present the subject of discussion between the FA and the ESFA.

Of particular significance was the amount of time devoted to football both at primary and secondary school level — which evidence is contrary to recent pessimistic pronouncements. The final results of the curricula survey should be available shortly.

It is also expected that a positive input in schools may accrue from the recently launched community programme in professional football, managed by the League and the Professional Footballers' Association.

What is certain is that future developments will be made in the light of clear objective evidence rather than subjective appraisal.

Looking to 1987, it would be ostrich-like to ignore the effects of the protracted industrial action in schools but current evidence suggests a return to the norm, although optimism is tinged with realism when bearing in mind the current salary negotiations.

Suffice it to say that the ESFA has more associations in membership than at any previous time and pro rata, considering school closures and amalgamations, the percentage of pupils participating is greater than at any previous time. Competitions, too, are at their highest level, with the Smith Six-a-Side Cup attracting over 8,000 entries.

So although on the one hand there are problems, on the other there is a clearly identifiable buoyancy.

Reflecting on these issues, there is a need within the ESFA to ask ourselves where we are going. It would be hoped we would work even more closely with the FA and the League, particularly in maximizing the advantages which centres of excellence and coaching centres can offer. Detailed introspection on the results of the surveys I mentioned, and additionally the investigation into overplay currently being conducted, with subsequent viable action, are essential.

It is apposite, too, to consider other questions asked of the ESFA. Predominant among these is that of innate talent in individual schoolboys with a paramount concern being whether there is a reservoir of talent as in previous years.

Perhaps a simple answer would be to pose that question to those privileged to watch the England-Italy under-15 international at Wembley last May when numerous spectators, including Sir Walter Winterbottom, commented on the high standard of individual skill evident in the England team.

There has to be caution, however, for skill at this age level has somewhat of the shooting-star syndrome about it, subject, as future development is, to the vagaries of adolescence.

Historically, there is a pattern of early developers failing to prosper in later years and the converse of late developers finding success in the senior game. Succinctly, our role would be to harness embryonic talent and nurture it for the benefit of the individual and football in general.

Another issue often presented to us is that of the effects of senior football and the possible imitative element. Initially, it is important to acknowledge the positive support received and, in particular, the readiness of clubs at all levels to place facilities at our disposal.

It is also relevant to stress that the imitative effect is too often considered from the negative viewpoint. So much in the senior game is worthy of imitation, not least the conduct and skill displayed by the England team in the 1986 World Cup.

One would not deny that there are examples to be deplored, but just as good schoolteachers will negate the unsavoury aspects of anti-social behaviour in the classroom, so will they prevent these undesirable elements of senior football from manifesting themselves in school teams. To parody a Russian educationist, one might say "as is the teacher, so is the team".

A third and somewhat contentious problem is that of the FA/GM school of excellence.

Categorically, it must be stated that the ESFA stance on the ethos of such a project has not changed. Simply, it is this: such a concept, in addition to being questioned on educational grounds, necessitates a large financial commitment which, it is felt, could be more advantageously directed to the centres of excellence, so benefiting a far greater number of able boys, thousands of them as opposed to 30 or so. My earlier comments on individual talent are highly relevant in this debate.

Despite such differences, one would have to add that an excellent relationship does exist between the school of excellence and the ESFA, with both parties appreciating that the welfare of the boys must not be jeopardized by the divergent viewpoints. Importantly, too, credit must be given to those responsible for the high standards of conduct and behaviour displayed by the boys at school. Certainly, the ESFA would not wish to embark upon any action which might prove detrimental to the boys themselves.

One could not deny that football at all levels has its problems but it also possesses many virtues. Above all, there is a firm determination to alleviate the undesirable elements and strengthen participation in the game.

Within the last two years in particular there have been unified efforts to develop those assets which epitomize all that is embraced in Graham Taylor's plea. Achieving that far from utopian ideal will be the fervent wish for the years ahead.



Beware the shooting-star syndrome: England under-15s on the move as they entertained Italy — and the watching nation — last May

SKIING

Accident blow for champion

By Michael Coleman

The elation at having found a new woman aerials champion soon turned to grief at Saalbach, Austria, where the British freestyle titles were decided at the weekend. No sooner had June Short, a newcomer to the sport, won the contest than she fell heavily in a training stunt and fractured a leg. Her binding, apparently, failed to release. She was undergoing an operation yesterday.

Mrs Short, aged 25, is a trampolinist and instructs at Bury Leisure Centre, where she is employed. She took the courageous step of switching from trampoline work to freestyle skiing only last year. Her husband, Michael, a police constable stationed at Collyhurst, Manchester, said: "She began training six months ago at the Rossendale plastic ski slope — on the trampoline but with skis on."

Apart from her broken leg, another problem confronting the British freestylers was how to get her out of Austria and how to pay the medical expenses. That branch of the British winter sports effort has been unable to find a sponsor this year.

The national freestyle championships, held at Saalbach in conjunction with those of Austria and The Netherlands plus guests, were deprived of the presence of Jilly Curry and Robin Wallace, both top performers, who are engaged in World Cup contests in North America. Despite their absence, the Europa Cup team fared well against the sponsored Continentals.

Julian Aitken-Smith, from Airdrie, won the ballet title, finishing fourth out of 35 in the open contest won by Klaus Mulstein, of West Germany, and Rachel Lathaem finished seventh among the women and in consequence became "the national champion. Mrs Short won her aerials title by securing third place in the overall competition. Fifth place for Sarah Green, another newcomer, made her British No. 2 and Lynn Niven, sixth in the open, won the national bronze.

SWIMMING

Boyd facing a busy schedule

Kevin Boyd, who made such an exciting breakthrough in world championships last summer, heads the Yorkshire Bank England squad of eight to contest the Golden Cup races at Strasbourg from January 23 to 25 (Roy Moor writes).

He will compete in the 200 metres and 50 metres freestyle, and the 50 metres and 200 metres backstroke events.

The rest of the England team is Grant Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), Rebecca Bowden (City of Southampton), Helen Day (Kelly College), Karen Mellor (Norwich Penguins), Karen Pickering (Brighton Shiverers), Cathy White (South Tyneside), Joanne Wood (Nova Centurion).

FOOTBALL

Men of steel play for pride

By Martin Searby

FA CUP

One of the most daunting tasks in the third round of the FA Cup faces Scunthorpe United, of the fourth division, who face a Tottenham Hotspur side full of talent and whose ambitions for success this season must lie on the road to Wembley after Sunday's setback against Arsenal in the League.

The televised north London derby attracted more than a passing interest in the steel town, which lies off the now little-used M180, the last stop before Grimsby. What the Scunthorpe players and their manager, Frank Barlow, saw was enough to instil deep forboding about what lies in store on Saturday.

"They all watched it and frightened themselves to death," Barlow, a charming man with a sense of humour, said. His playing career included spells with Chesterfield and Sheffield United. But he was able to alleviate those fears at yesterday's training session by uncovering his master plan. "We shall tie Hoddle's and Allen's bootlaces together, turn the lights off and play in the dark," Barlow said. He will need his wisecracks to stop his young side from freezing on the big day.

"We know the size of the task," said Barlow, who took over at the Old Show Ground from Allan Clarke. "But there's a little seed in the back of your mind that tells you come Saturday at twenty-to-five, there are going to be some results that make you think 'bloody hell' and you hope and dream it might be us."

Barlow's team will not lack motivation with Richard Money, once of Liverpool and Luton Town, at the heart of the defence and three youngsters who, their manager hopes, will take advantage of the opportunity to parade their talents.

David Hill, a left-side midfield player, is one who Barlow hopes will display the skills which he feels could take him to the top. Mark Atkins, a former England senior schools player at the age of 18, Paul Nichol and Andy Stevenson, both teenagers who have forced their way into the side this season, are others who could be the key to Scunthorpe's dreams.

Barlow's ambitions are handicapped by the loss of Ian Richardson, formerly of Watford and Chester City, who was injured on New Year's Day, and the experienced defender, Dave McLean, who is recovering from a knee operation.

"We are good, honest workmen," Barlow says. "When you are playing away at Rochdale and Hartlepool you have to be prepared to roll your sleeves up and get stuck in but we would like to show that we do not just go out there to kick and fight; we like to think about it. The young lads will never have a better chance to show what they can do."

Scunthorpe will have 4,500 followers at White Hart Lane, twice their average League gate, many of whom will have eyes only for Ray Clemence, the goalkeeper who started his illustrious career in the town 21 years ago. "It's extraordinary how they still think of him and Kevin Keegan as one of their own," Barlow said.

"The town was hit hard by the cuts in the steel industry and badly needs a boost in morale," he said, conscious of the importance of the club to the community. "A good performance at Tottenham could give the town a lot of pride back and that is what we are aiming for."

Whatever the outcome, Scunthorpe, presently trying to sell their ground to survive, will receive much-needed cash from the tie. And who knows? With Cinderella playing a few miles down the road at the Civic Theatre, maybe the Fairy Godmother can wave the magic wand over Barlow's boys.

Brazil to visit Dublin

The Republic of Ireland will play Brazil in a match at Lansdowne Road in Dublin on May 23. The match will be televised live in Brazil.

● Suspension will force the left back, Mick Forsyth, of Derby County, to miss Saturday's FA Cup third round tie away to Sheffield Wednesday.

● Doncaster Rovers have switched their home third division match against Mansfield this weekend, from Sunday to Saturday (3pm), to avoid a clash with Doncaster Rugby League Club's home fixture against Workington Town.

● Colin Deaton, a wealthy sports promoter, has offered Chesterfield, of the third division, "a substantial sum of money" if he is made chairman and given full control of the club.

● York City, who had to postpone their visit to Walsall on Saturday, will play their Freight Rover Trophy match at Rochdale tomorrow night.

Results from overseas

ITALIAN: Ascoli 0, Brescia 0; Avellino 0, Empoli 1; Como 0, AC Milan 1; Fiorentina 3, Napoli 1; Inter Milan 1, Atalanta 0; Juventus 2, Verona 1; Sampdoria 0, AS Roma 0; Udinese 1, Torino 1. Leading positions: 1, Inter Milan, 14, 20; 2, Napoli, played 14, 20 points; 3, Juventus, 14, 18.

PORTUGUESE: Benfica 3, Porto 1; Guimaraes 4, Braga 0; Chaves 2, Sporting 1; Rio Ave 1, Belenenses 0; Elvas 0, Varzim 0; Salgueiros 0, Portimonense 0; Academica 2, Boavista 0; Farense 2, Maritimo 0. Leading positions: 1, Benfica, played 16, 27 points; 2, Guimares, 16, 26; 3, Porto, 16, 25.

GREEK: Apollon 1, Ethnikos 0; Ars Salonika 2, Doxa Drama 0; Verria 0, Kalamaria 3; Diagoras Rhodes 2, PAOK Salonika, 1; Iraklis 1, AEK Athens 3; Larissa 1, Panionios 0; Panathinaikos 2, OFI Crete 1. Leading positions: 1, Olympiakos, played 13, 22 points; 2, OFI Crete, 13, 17; 3, PAOK, 12, 16.

SPANISH: Atlético Madrid 3, Mallorca 1; Santander 2, Cadiz 1; Barcelona 3, Sabadell 1; Osasuna Pamplona 1, Betis Seville 1; Real Sociedad 2, Athletic Bilbao 1; Betis Sevilla 2, Valladolid 1; Zaragoza 2, Real Madrid 2; Sporting Gijon 0, Espanol 1; Las Palmas 1, Murcia 1. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, played 21, 32 points; 2, Real Madrid, 21, 29; 3, Espanol, 21, 28.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Athlone Town 3, Cork City 1, Bray Wanderers 3, Limerick City 2; Galway Utd 1, Sligo Rovers 2; St Patrick's Athletic 0, Home Farm 1; Shamrock Rovers 3, Bohemians 2, Waterford Utd 0, Dundalk 3. Leading positions: 1, Shamrock Rovers played 12, 21 points; 2, Waterford Utd 12, 18; 3, Bohemians 12, 18.

Unlucky 13 for Napoli

By Simon O'Hagan

The Italian championship took a dramatic turn on Sunday when Napoli, who had led the table since the start of the season, lost for the first time in 13 matches and were replaced at the top by Inter-Milan.

The demise of Napoli and Maradona occurred at Fiorentina, whose 3-1 win made nonsense of their own lowly position and was notable also for a vintage performance by the former Italian international, Antognoni, and a goal which recalled one of Pele's greatest moments. As if that were not enough, Maradona produced a flash of almost routine brilliance in scoring for Napoli, but the goal hardly compensated for the result.

Napoli's problems began after only six minutes when Ramón Diaz, an Argentinian whose link with Maradona goes back to the days when they were both in the country's youth team, put Fiorentina ahead. A deceptive free kick by Antognoni made it 2-0 after 28 minutes before Maradona, swivelling to volley in a lightning shot, pulled a goal back for Napoli early in the second half.

Then an astonishing finale was provided by Fiorentina's Paolo Monelli. With a minute left, he intercepted a clearance inside his own half, spotted the Napoli goalkeeper, Garella, off his line and beat him with a shot from 60 yards. "The net seemed so small and so far away when I shot," Monelli said afterwards.

"You get a chance to score a goal like that once in a lifetime. In this case you could say I was better than Pele," a reference to the great Brazilian's attempt to score a similar goal against Czechoslovakia during the 1970 World Cup.

Inter's joy at going top was tempered by the dismissal of their Argentinian defender, Passarella, during their 1-0 win over Atalanta. Passarella's experience has been a vital factor in the team's 13-match unbeaten run.

In Spain Gary Lineker scored twice for Barcelona as they extended their lead at the top to three points with a 3-1 win over the bottom club, Sabadell. Real Madrid faltered when, after leading 2-0, they were held 2-2 at Real Zaragoza. In the top match of the season so far in Portugal, Benfica took over the leadership from Porto when they beat them 3-1 in front of 120,000 people. All Benfica's goals were scored by Rui Aguas.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

YORK: Yorkshire open championships: Finals: Men's singles: M Smith (Essex), bt A Nelson (Essex), 9-15, 15-7, 15-12. Doubles: A Wood (Derbys) and M Brown (Yorks), bt J Cocker and M Worthington (Lancs), 15-7, 14-17, 15-8. Women's singles: J Mugridge (Essex), bt N Greenwood (Yorks), 4-11, 11-3, 12-10. Doubles: S Halsall (Lancs) and Mugglerige, bt G Clarke and L Campbell (Yorks), 15-11, 12-15, 15-5. Mixed doubles: N Wheatley (Notts) and Muggeridge, bt S Collier (Yorks) and Clarke, 18-15, 17-15.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men's first division: Birmingham bullets 88, Calderdale explorers 103; Homespare Bolton/Bury 88, Draper Tools Solent 72; Reg Vardy Sunderland 91, Sharp Manchester United 111; BPCC Rams Derby 76, Polycell Kingston 95. Women's first division: Chalmos Swiss Derby 51, Polycell Kingston 54; Nottingham Wildcats 55, Lambeth Lady Topcats 58.

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Portland Trail Blazers 126, Sacramento Kings 111; Phoenix Suns 104, Golden State Warriors 101; Los Angeles Lakers 121, Utah Jazz 113.

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston Celtics	21	9	.700	–
Philadelphia 76ers	17	14	.548	4½
Washington Bullets	14	16	.467	7
New York Nets	9	21	.300	12
New Jersey Knicks	9	22	.290	12½
Central Division				
Atlanta Hawks	22	7	.759	–
Milwaukee Bucks	21	11	.656	2½
Detroit Pistons	18	10	.643	3½
Indiana Pacers	15	15	.500	7½
Chicago Bulls	15	15	.500	7½
Cleveland Cavaliers	13	18	.419	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	21	9	.700	–
Utah Jazz	19	12	.613	2½
Houston Rockets	13	17	.433	8
Denver Nuggets	13	19	.406	9
Sacramento Kings	8	22	.267	13
San Antonio Spurs	8	23	.258	13½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	25	6	.806	–
Portland Trail Blazers	21	13	.618	6½
Golden State Warriors	18	15	.545	8
Seattle SuperSonics	15	15	.500	9½
Phoenix Suns	14	18	.438	11½
Los Angeles Clippers	4	28	.133	20½

BOWLS

ELY: Robert Hutchinson opticians masters: First round: J Bell (Cumbria) bt Miss S Bean (Ely), 9-2, 8-8; D Ward (North Walsham) bt A Pollard (Ely), 9-5, 9-1; G Smyth (Paddington) bt D Cornwall (Ely), 9-5, 9-1; M Entwhistle (Ely) bt K King (Ely), 9-7, 9-7; B Dawson (Dawlish) bt D Evans (Ely), 7-9, 9-7, 9-5; S Palmer (Ely) bt F Pfurling (Ely), 9-1, 9-7; G Harlow (Ely) bt Mrs J Corder (Edenburgh), 9-7, 9-8; A Thomson (Orphans Peckenham) bt C Ward (North Walsham), 9-1, 9-4; D Cutler (Plymouth) bt Mrs J Simmons (Ely), 6-8, 9-1, 9-4.

RUGBY UNION

J AND H BUN NORFOLK CUP: Semi-final: Norwich 0, North Walsham 11.

LONDON DIVISIONAL UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Middlesex 7, Hertfordshire 0.

TOUR MATCH: University Vandals 28, Hawkbridge Agric Coll (Australia) 4.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife Flyers 9, Durham Wasps 5; Nottingham Panthers 13, Cleveland Bombers 6; Whitley Warriors 4, Streatham Redskins 6; Durham Wasps 14, Whitley Warriors 4; Murrayfield Racers 7, Dundee Rockets 3; Solihull Barons 8, Fife Flyers 11; Streatham Redskins 7, Cleveland Bombers 7. First division: Glasgow Eagles 15, Sunderland Chiefs 11; Slough Jets 8, Southampton Vikings 2; Swindon Wildcats 28, Irvine Kings 8; Blackpool Seagulls 20, Irvine Kings 8; Bournemouth Kings 4, Richmond Flyers 5; Medway Bears 19, Swindon Wildcats 7; Peterborough Phoenix 12, Telford Tigers 7; Trafford Metros 11, Oxford City Stars 3.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: World junior (under-20) championships: At Nitra: Finland 8, Czechoslovakia 3. Tournament: Poland 8, Switzerland 5. Trencin: Sweden 8, United States 0. Final placings (all played seven games): 1, Finland, 11pts; 2, Czechoslovakia, 10; 3, Sweden, 9; 4, United States, 8; 5, Poland, 2; 6, Switzerland, 0. Soviet Union and Canada, disq.

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 7, Quebec Nordiques 2; Hartford Whalers 8, Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Winnipeg Jets 4, Vancouver Canucks 2; Calgary Flames 4, Chicago Black Hawks 1.

Wales Conference						
Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia Fl	26	11	2	54	166	107
New York Is	19	17	3	41	147	139
Pittsburgh Pen	16	16	7	39	148	138
New York Rangers	16	17	6	38	159	158
New Jersey Devils	16	20	3	35	145	161
Washington Cap	13	20	6	32	117	151
Adams League						
Hartford Whalers	20	12	6	46	128	118
Montreal Can	19	16	6	44	143	131
Boston Bruins	18	16	4	40	133	121
Quebec Nord	16	19	6	38	139	134
Buffalo Sabres	10	24	5	25	125	151
Campbell Conference						
Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Detroit Red Wings	16	15	7	39	122	129
Toronto Maple	15	17	5	37	137	139
Chicago Hawks	15	20	6	36	147	171
St Louis Blues	15	16	6	36	130	142
Minnesota North	16	19	3	35	149	146
Smythe Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Edmonton Oilers	25	12	2	52	183	135
Calgary Flames	23	16	1	47	157	147
Winnipeg Jets	19	16	4	42	133	136
Los Angeles Kings	17	19	4	38	163	170
Vancouver Canuck	11	24	4	26	130	156

TABLE TENNIS

SCHILDKROT BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Rotherham 2, Ormesby 8; Grove 7, Omega Reading 1; Panoramic Bath 3, Butterfly Cardiff 5. First division: Express Torbay 5, Trafford Dagenham FC 2; Omega Cleve 1, TSP Larkhall 7; Chan Construction 5, TCB Dolphins 2; West Warwickshire/Birmingham 3, Byker Newcastle 5.

TENNIS

AUCKLAND: New Zealand open: Men's singles: First Round: B Steven (NZ) bt J Frana (Arg), 7-6, 7-5; J Gerleson (Swe) bt K Evernden (NZ), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Limberger (Aus) bt G Bloom (Isr), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt D Cahill (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 8-2; G Michibata (Can) bt R Schmidt (US), 5-7, 6-4, 8-4; M Davis (US) bt C Pistolesi (It), 7-5, 6-4; M Freeman (US) bt J Levine (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 285 and 235 for 6 dec (R Kerr 140; A Zesers 3 for 78). South Australia 236 and 197 for 9 (D Hookes 78; M Potzin 4 for 44, D Tazelaar 4 for 45) — match drawn. Newcastle: Tasmania 319 for 4 dec; New South Wales 176 for 3 (S Small 66) — match drawn, rain.

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Leicester City v Oldham.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon 4, Millwall 0.

SKI JUMPING

INNSBRUCK, Austria: World Cup 90-metre competition: 1, P Ulaga (Yug), 228.4(pts); 2, H Steiner (Aus), 224.1; 3, E Vettori (Austria), 222.6; 4, V Cecon (Yug), 219.7; 5, J Weissflog (EG), 216.8; 6, A M Tapes (Yug), 215.5; 7, G Balanche (Switz), 214.3; 8, J Parma (Cz), 213.5; 9, U Findelsen (EG), 211.1; 10, J Bohlby (Swe), 209.5; 11, L Dimos (Cz), 208.1; 12, A Bauer (WG), 208.2; 13, A Nikkola (Fin), 205.6; 14, A Felder (Austria), 206.1; 15, R Schli (WG), 204.4. Leading standings: 1, Vettori, 102pts; 2, Ogaya, 102; 3, Ulaga, 97; 4, Weissflog, 82; 5, T Klauser (WG), 64; 6, M Nykanen (Fin), 62; 7, Felder, 49; 8, Tapes, 49; 9, Findelsen, 48; 10, Parma, 42; 11, Bauer, 32; =12, J Kalso (Fin), and Sperrer, 28; 14, O Fidjestol (Nor), 26; 15, M Debelak (Yug), 25.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wakefield 27, Kirkby Select 34; Leicester '78' 22, Olympia Cannock 21.

SQUASH RACKETS

GLOUCESTER: Abbey National women's British open junior championships: Quarter-finals: D Vardy (Notts) bt D Grzania (WG), 9-3, 9-2, 9-0; C Mett (Essex) bt L Walshaw (Yorks), 5-9, 9-2, 9-1, 10-8; S Wright (Kent) bt C Jackman (Essex), 3-9, 9-8, 9-1, 9-4, 9-4; S Macfie (Surrey) bt J Cook (Northumbria), 9-1, 9-2, 9-5.

DURHAM: NatWest British junior under-16 open championships: Quarter-finals: S Parke (Yorks) bt E Evans (Yorks), 9-7, 5-9, 9-2, 9-1; P Marshall (Lancs) bt S Lankester (Suffolk), 9-7, 10-8, 9-4; D Compton (Yorks) bt M Allen (Essex), 9-3, 5-9, 9-5, 9-3; A Harrison (Yorks) bt J Simpson (Lancs), 9-0, 9-2, 9-3. Semi-finals: Parke bt Harrison, 9-3, 9-5, 9-2; Compton bt Marshall, 7-9, 10-8, 9-7, 9-4.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK of SCOTLAND LEAGUE: Men's first division: Speedwell 3, Colchester 0; Liverpool City 2, Newcastle 0; Polonia 3, OBC Poole 1; Capital City 3, Portsmouth 0; Newcastle 3, Redwood Lodge 1; OBC Poole 3, Spark 0.

NORDIC SKIING

SCHONACH, West Germany: World Cup combined competition: 1, H Schwarz (WG), 421.875pts; 2, V Savin (USSR), 416.70; 3, H Kempf (Switz), 413.505; 4, T Arne Bredesen (Nor), 412.860; 5, A Levandi (USSR), 411.810; 6, U Dotzauer (EG), 411.690; 7, T Loekken (Nor), 409.860; 8, M Kopal (Cz), 406.990; 9, H-P Pohl (WG), 405.765; 10, A Ontesbraten (Nor), 405.735. Leading standings: 1, Kempf, 80pts; 2, Levaadi, 48; 3, Savin, 37; 4, Schwarz and Loekken, 34.

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: Tennents UK open: Last 16: S Davis bt J Wych, 5-1; J Parrott bt J Virgo, 5-4; D Mountjoy bt T Jones, 5-3; J Spencer bt D Hughes, 5-4; S Hendry bt T Murphy, 5-3; J Wattana bt D Reynolds, 5-4; J Johnson bt D Fowler, 5-4; K Stevens bt M Bennett, 5-4.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	50	195	good	powder	good	fine	-4
New snow on hard base							
Sölden	30	110	good	heavy	fair	fine	-10
New snow on good base							
FRANCE							
Flaine	120	220	good	heavy	good	snow	-2
Upper, bad vision; lower, excellent							
Les Arcs	75	180	good	powder	good	cloud	-3
Powder on hard base							
Tignes	150	200	good	powder	good	snow	-3
Snowing hard; limited runs							
Val Thorens	200	270	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Fresh snow on hard base							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	55	150	good	powder	good	sun	-2
Good skiing conditions							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	130	190	good	powder	good	snow	-4
Good skiing, bad visibility							
St Moritz	30	35	worn	varied	poor	fine	-1
Skiing possible in some areas							
Wengen	80	120	good	varied	fair	cloud	-3
Excellent new snow but windy							
Zermatt	85	180	good	powder	good	cloud	-5
Excellent skiing conditions							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, new snow drifting; middle runs, runs complete but narrow, new snow drifting; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow, some runs complete; vertical runs, 1700ft; hill roads, moderate snow, drifting; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow, new snow drifting; middle runs, runs complete but narrow, new snow drifting; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow drifting; vertical runs, 1000ft; hill roads, moderate snow, drifting; main roads, slight snow; snow level, 1000ft. Glencoe (weekends only): upper runs, runs complete, new snow drifting; lower slopes, runs complete, new snow drifting; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. Lecks: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, blocked; main roads, blocked; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for skiing areas today: frequent snow showers; drifting in the strong or gale force northerly wind; freezing at all levels. Outlook for tomorrow: sunny periods and scattered snow showers; winds generally moderate; freezing at all levels.

FRANCE

Depth (cm) Mnt	Mx		Mnt	Mx
Hlservoie/Savoie		Autrans	80	100
Les Arcs	95	220	Chamrousse	100	120
Cmz d'A	50	180	LeCd'Alrvd	70	100
Ghx Mt B	85	260	L dx Alpes	45	180
La Clusaz	65	160	L spt Laux	60	100
Flaine	120	200	StPdChrtrs	30	80
Le G Bmnd	90	120	Alpes du Sud		
Les Ménes	60	180	Alls I Signus	10	20
Meribel	100	215	Auron	20	30
Morzine-A	80	210	Isola 2000	25	60
La Norma	60	100	Pra Loup	20	35
P'ginnLaV	100	140	Risoul 1850	20	40
LPrz dL/S	120	160	Sprdvtuy	50	90
La Rosière	155	230	Vars	20	40
StFrLgchp	70	100	Pyrénées		
St Gervais	30	125	Barèges	10	90
LsS'dles	140	170	Fnt Romeu	10	20
Samoëns	55	190	Gourette	10	90
LaTousste	100	150	Pyrns 2000	35	35
Vatrlépus	50	80	Massif Central		
Valmorel	135	160	Le Mt Dore	30	80
Val Threns	195	280	Spr Doran	30	40
Isère			Vosges		
A en Oisans	65	110	Gérardmer	25	60

RUGBY UNION

Delightful freedom for Moore

By Ian McLauchlan

Welsh under-18..... 22
Scottish under-18..... 6

The Welsh Schools senior team proved too powerful for the Scottish Schools under-18 team at Murrayfield yesterday, running out clear winners. The visitors started up briskly and Davies put them ahead in two minutes with a penalty. Scotland at this point lost Walton, their lock, with a head injury. Soon after his return Wales went further ahead when Moore, their scrum-half, dived into a retreating Scottish scrum for an opportunist try.

Scotland fought back gamely but the power of the Welsh forwards made supply of ball a difficult task, although in the 32nd minute, a scrummage infringement allowed Aitchison to narrow the gap with a well-struck penalty.

At half-time Davies, the Wales stand-off and captain, retired with a leg injury to be, replaced by Stephens. That hardly seemed to matter as Wales won an untidy line-out 40m from the Scottish line and Moore broke and his determined running coupled with some indifferent tackling enabled him to burst clear and link with Richards who put Gerald Williams over in the corner and Stephens converted.

The Welsh forwards now dominated the game and Moore tantalized the Scots with a variety of breaks and subtle kicks.

Two further Stephens penalties in the thirteenth and nineteenth minutes increased Wales's lead. Scotland now had their best spell with Aitchison striking a penalty and joining Culbertson well in attack. It was however the visitors who had the last word as Stephen converted yet another penalty.

While the Welsh forwards' dominance allowed Moore to dictate play, Hogg played well at the back of the line-out for Scotland and the midfield defended particularly well.

SCORERS: Scotland: Penalties: Aitchison (2). Wales: Penalties: Davies, Stephens (3). Tries: Moore, G Williams. Conversion: Stephens.

SCOTTISH UNDER-18: G Aitchison (Merchiston Castle S); C Newton (Dundee HS), K Brown (Earlston HS), T McCreath (Lasswade S, capt), I Culbertson (Kelso HS); C Shannon (Glasgow Acad), N Bennett (Kelvinside Acad), G McKee (Hutchesons GS), G Peterson (Dollar Acad), G Kenkard (Harris Acad), P Walton (Merchiston Castle S), D Bathgate (George Heriots S), L Muir (Merchiston Castle S), C Law (Glenalmond C), C Hogg (Earlston HS).

WELSH UNDER-18: N Evans (Maesydderwen CS); S Read (St Ilan CS), G Thomas (Cymlog CS), R Sheppeard (Hawthorne CS), L Rossar (Pontypool C and Aberdychan CS); A Davies (Pencoed CS, capt; rep: C Stephens, Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade), A Moore (Llanishen HS); T Orrell (Ysgol Gyfun Llanharn), G Richards (Maesyddarwen CS), D Francis (Brynteg CS), A Kembery (Cynffig CS), S Parry (RGF David Hughes, Menai Bridge), G Williams (Swansea C and Morriston CS), M Williams (Pontypool C and Bishops HS), T Mathews (Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade).

Referee: S K Trevithick (England).

● Salford rugby league club have reduced the asking prices for their two 24-year-old backs, Ged Byrne and Paul Fletcher. The Byrne fee has been dropped from a club record of £75,000 to £55,000, while Fletcher is now on offer at £30,000.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Kathy Tayler: newcomer to Holiday 87 (BBC1, 7.00pm)

A bitter bite into the Big Apple

● Oddly enough, it was not those lines from that philanthropic Statue of Liberty inscription about huddled masses and wretched refuse yearning to breathe free that kept buzzing through my brain as I watched tonight's *First Tuesday* film about New York's homeless and hopeless. It was what campaigning reporter Jacob Riis wrote about the city's slums in the late 1880s. "A man cannot live like a pig and vote like a man". Strange, really, that no-one mentions Riis in the film. Even Dickens rates a mention; though not a very apt one. One thinks of Dickens, a social worker says in the film, when one sees old men sleeping outside Tiffany's. Does one ? Roger Finnigan's report about the grubs in the core of the Big Apple might not be the best way to round off the festive season, but it is just what's needed to focus attention on the United Nations International Year of the Homeless. As someone says tonight, it is all very well for President Reagan to go on about people pulling themselves up by their bootstraps. But when you haven't even got boots, what use is advice like that ? Roger Finnigan ends his report with some images that make very sobering viewing indeed. To support the conclusion that in New York, the homeless die as invisibly as they live, there is a sequence showing bodies being shipped in crates to a mass burial on an island off Manhattan. The grave, we are reminded, is the closest these people have ever come to being part of a community.

CHOICE

● Best of the rest on TV today: part two of **As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning** (BBC2, 9.00pm), John King's poetic re-staging of the young Laurie Lee's marathon tramp through Spain in the 1930s; and Mike Nichols's **The Graduate** (BBC1, 9.30pm) which marked out an unknown and unclassifiable young actor for future stardom. His name was Dustin Hoffman.

● Best on radio: **After Many Cares and Bitter Sorrows** (Radio 4, 8.30pm), Morag Hood's feature about the courtship and marriage of Charlotte Bronte, is commendably careful about not overdoing the parallels with, and divergences from, the fictional love story of Jane Eyre. Anna Massey's Mrs Gaskell is subtly worked into this poignant tapestry.

Peter Davalle



Julian Pettifer with champion jockey Bob Champion: ITV, 6.30pm

BBC 1

Live transmissions on BBC TV are subject to disruption through industrial action

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.30 **News** headlines followed by **The Flintstones.** (r) 6.55 **Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time.** National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Consumer advice 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 **News** and weather. 9.05 **Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and the studio audience, discuss a topical subject 9.45 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with news of what help is available to homeless people in Britain.
10.00 **News** and weather 10.05 **Neighbours** (r) 10.25 **Children's BBC.** Phillip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings 10.30 **Play School.** (r) 10.50 **Willo the Wisp.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Penelope Lee with a thought for the day 11.00 **News** and weather 11.05 **Bazaar.** Judi Spiers presents the first of a new series designed to help cut the cost of living. 11.35 **Open Air.** (news and weather at 12.00)
12.25 **Wildlife Showcase.** Where Fish Stand in Line, a film illustrating that not all fish fear predators. (r) 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 **News at One** with Philip Hayton. Weather. 1.25 **Neighbours.** Max is left holding the baby 1.45 **Pigeon Street.** (r)
2.00 **Film: Under the Clock"** (1945) starring Judy Garland and Robert Walker. Second World War love story about a soldier in New York on a 48 hour leave before service overseas who meets a young office worker. With Keenan Wynn. Directed by Vincente Minnelli.
3.40 **Just So Stories.** The Elephant's Child, by Rudyard Kipling. (r) 3.55 **Pasta-time!** Jack and the Beanstalk 4.10 **The Hunter.** (r) 4.15 **Bananaman.** (r) 4.30 **Jonny Briggs.** Serial. 4.35 **The Really Wild Show.** This week's edition of the nature programme explodes a few myths.
5.00 **Newsround** with Roger Flynn 5.10 **Grange Hill.** Episode one of a new 24-part serial. (Ceefax)
5.35 **Fax.** Bill Oddie, Debbie Rix, and Billy Butler, return to settle bones of contention.
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Holiday 87** presented by Frank Bough, who takes a coach trip to the Costa Brava. Plus, John Carter has news of a glamorous holiday; and former Modern Pentathlon World Champion, Kathy Tayler samples an activity holiday on a Derbyshire farm.
7.30 **EastEnders.** Wilmott-Brown has good news for Colin. (Ceefax)
8.00 **Hancock's Half Hour'.** Depressed with life in East Cheam, Hancock decides to make a new life for himself in Australia. Sid arranges for the assisted passage. (r)
8.30 **Tom O'Connor.** The entertainer's guest is David Copperfield.
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. weather.
9.30 **Film: The Graduate** (1967) starring Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft, and Katharine Ross. Hoffman, in his screen debut, plays a young graduate who is taught about the worldly things of life by an alcoholic woman twice his age. Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax)
11.15 **Save a Life Special** introduced by Dr Alan Maryon Davis. (Ceefax)
11.25 **Yes 9012 Live.** Highlights of the pop group's concert recorded in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1984. (r)
11.55 **Weather.**



James Vincent McNochol and his sister Kristy in the thriller Blinded by the Light (on Channel 4, 9.00pm)

BBC 2

9.00 **Gharbar.** Magazine programme for Asian women.
9.25 **Ceefax**
1.00 **Teletournal.** A repeat of last night's showing of the lunchtime news bulletin from Mexico City's Televisa SA station. There is also an item on Mexican soap operas which are made with production line regularity and always contain a social message.
1.25 **Songs of Praise** for Epiphany from Worcester Cathedral. (r) (Ceefax)
2.00 **News** and weather
2.02 **Laramie.** Western adventures starring John Smith and Robert Fuller. (r)
2.50 **Color Rhapsody.** Dr Bluebird, a Columbia cartoon.
3.00 **News** and weather.
3.03 **Arctic Paradise.** A profile of Roger Mendelsohn who lives with his wife and two small children in the Yukon, on the edge of the Arctic Circle, fur trapping in the winter and salmon fishing during the brief summer. (r)
3.50 **News**, regional news, and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** The guests are David Hamilton and antiques expert, Tony Curtis. Plus, the launch of Slim to Win.
4.30 **Royal Institution Christmas Lectures.** Professor Lewis Wolpert with the second of his series of lectures on the subject of Frankenstein's Quest: The Development of Life. This afternoon he talks about how cells in growing embryos find out what forms to create.
5.30 **Tomorrow's World Christmas Quiz,** presented by Judith Hann, Peter Macann, Maggie Philbin, and Howard Stableford. (r)
6.00 **Film: Escapade in Japan** (1957) starring Teresa Wright and Cameron Mitchell. Drama about a young boy who survives a 'plane crash in Japan and goes in search of his estranged parents. Directed by Arthur Lubin.
7.30 **Jazz Week: The Coltrane Legacy.** A celebration of the music of saxophonist John Coltrane who died in 1967 at 40 years of age. The programme features him playing with the Miles Davis Quintet in 1959; with his own quartet in 1961 and in 1963.
8.30 **Food and Drink** includes an investigation into the price of a pint of beer.
9.00 **As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning.** The second of Laurie Lee's two-part story of his 1934 Spanish odyssey finds him walking from Madrid to the south.
9.45 **Jazz Week: One Night With Blue Note.** The second part of a concert recorded in New York in 1985 to mark the relaunch of the Blue Note record label. Among those taking part are McCoy Tyner, Grover Washington Jr., Woody Shaw, and Jimmy Smith.
10.40 **Newsnight.** 11.25 **Weather.**

ITV/LONDON

6.15 **TV-am** presented by Richard Keys. News with Adrian Brown at 6.30; sport at 6.40; exercises at 6.55.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. After Nine includes a repeat of the Lorna Luft and Liza Minelli interview; Russell Grant's predictions; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb..
9.25 **Thames news** headlines followed by **Spiderwoman.** Cartoon. (r) 9.50 **Beyond 2000.** The shape of things to come. 10.35 **Wild, Wild World of Animals.** The wolverine. (r)
11.00 **Which Way?** A Jobwatch Special explaining the choices that modern schools offer. If viewers, both children and adults, have any questions to ask the experts about third year choices, ring 0345 60 0345 any time between 10.00am and 1.00pm.
12.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for children. (r) 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning with puppets and guest, Angharad Rees. (r) 12.30 **The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news.**
1.30 **Butman.** Drama series about a retired detective chief inspector, now a clock-mender in Wandsworth, whose idea of the quiet life after the force is rudely shattered. Starring Don Henderson. (r) (Oracle)
2.30 **Daytime.** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on the benefits and drawbacks of exercise. With Lizzie Webb and Wayne Sleep. 3.00 **Cross Wits.** A new series of the crossword game. With Barry Cryer, Leslie Crowther, and Rachel Heyhoe-Flint 3.25 **Thames news** headlines 3.30 **The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial.
4.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet series for the very young 4.10 **The Telebugs.** Cartoon series. 4.20 **He-Man and Masters of the Universe.** Cartoon adventures 4.45 **Splash.** The presenters learn how to train a puppy.
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.00 **Thames news.**
6.30 **Busman's Holiday.** Julian Pettifer introduces the first programme of a new series of the travel quiz show. (Oracle)
7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** Dolly's adopted son shows no sign of leaving after the Christmas holiday.
7.30 **Reporting London.** Angela Lambert reports on the crisis in nursing in London and the South-east.
8.00 **Inspector Morse.** John Thaw stars as the unorthodox Oxford-based Inspector Morse in the first of three thrillers. Tonight he investigates the murder of an attractive woman that was made to look like a suicide. With Kevin Whately as his partner, Sergeant Lewis.
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnett and Sandy Gall. Weather, followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 **First Tuesday: New York - the Quiet Catastrophe.** A documentary about New York's 50,000 homeless. (see Choice); **Dancing on Her Grave.** The story of Gelsey Kirkland, once the United States's most famous ballerina, who became a cocaine addict.
11.30 **Snooker.** The Mercantile Credit Classic from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool.
12.15 **Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Creeper.** A young woman is convinced that she is to be the next victim of a mass murderer. Starring Karen Allen.
12.45 **Night Thoughts.**



Max Headroom: he returns in a new series of The Max Headroom Show, on Channel 4, 10.45pm

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2.00 **Snooker.** The first quarterfinal of the Mercantile Credit Classic.
4.30 **Jigsaw.** Dickie Davies presents another round of the weekday quiz game show.
5.00 **Bewitched.** Samantha gets her own back when collecting for Unicef after a man who pledged $10,000 refuses to pay up, claiming he needs the money for his extravagant fiancee.
5.30 **As Good As New.** Part four of Mike Smith's six-programme series on furniture restoration.(r) (Oracle)
6.00 **Remington Steele.** Remington and Laura go undercover to investigate the theft of a fashion designer's exclusive work.
6.55 **Murun Buchstansangur.** Cartoon series about an odious little character who lives in a crack in a kitchen wall. (r)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Christabel King.
7.50 **Comment.** With her views on a topical matter is Jenny Lecoat, a writer and comic actress. **Weather.**
8.00 **Brookside.** Rod is waiting to hear from the police; and Harry gets his voice back, but plays up his illness.
8.30 **Moneyspinner.** The first in a new series of the personal finance programme presented by Alison Mitchell. Tonight, from Middlesbrough, mortgages are compared with other forms of investment; how to make the most of a widow's inheritance; and ways of checking the performances of financial advisors. With Sally Hawkins of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux; Douglas Moffitt, financial editor of Independent Radio News; and accountant Paul Soper.
9.00 **Film: Blinded by the Light** (1980) starring Kristy McNichol. A drama about a young girl who infiltrates a religious cult organisation to find out where her brother was brainwashed into cutting himself off from home and family. Directed by John Alonzo.
10.45 **The Max Headroom Show.** The guest is Michael Caine.
11.15 **Soap.** Burt and Saunders launch an assault on the fortress holding Jodie and Maggie; and Mary tells Jessica about her drink problem.
11.45 **Jazz at the Gateway.** The first of a new series introduced by Oscar Peterson. With Charlie Mariano and the Eberhard Weber Group; Henry Lowther, Nils-Henning Orsted Peterson, and Martin Drew.
12.25 **Time Piece.** The first two of a half-a-dozen of the top graphic designs from a competition supported by Channel 4. Time Will Tell, made by Margaret Horrocks of Kingston Poly; and Time for Bed, made by Robert Harvey of Norwich School of Art. Ends at 12.30.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Computer Challenge 11.55-12.00 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.55am-11.00 Osbarnan 5.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Flix 11.55-12.00 News and weather ENGLAND 5.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.35-11.00 Unicorn Tales 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Biggles 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Tuesday Topic. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.30am Sesame Street 10.30-11.00 Mr T 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Big Bird in China 10.40-11.00 Fascinating Thailand 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 5.00-7.00 News 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Joanfner 1.15 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.28am Sesame Street 10.30 Say No to Strangers 10.45-11.00 Smurfs 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.30 Two-gether 1.35-2.30 Country Practice 5.15-5.45 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Granada Reports 9.30 Our Natural Environment 9.45 Film: Bicycle on a Budget" 10.55-11.00 Granada Reports 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman' Holiday 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Zack and the Magic Factory 10.55-11.00 Cartoon 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.30am Sesame Street 10.25 Jacksons 10.50-11.00 Crystal Tipps & Alistair 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Chorus Line 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Late Call. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Gods and Heroes 9.45-11.00 Film: Blondie Takes a Vacation" 12.30pm-1.00 Link 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Televiews 6.30 Tuesday View 7.00 Who's The Boss? 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.28am Sesame Street 10.30 Smurfs 10.45-11.00 Say No to Strangers 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20 News 1.30 Country Practice 2.25-2.30 Action! 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25 Police 5 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Sesame Street 10.25-11.00 Chieftains in China 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.00-3.30 California Highway 6.00 Northern Life 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.15am He is Lord. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.35 Crazy World of Sport 10.50-11.00 Cartoon 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Lifestyles of the Rich 5.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25 Diary Dates 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Busman's Holiday 12.10am News. Close

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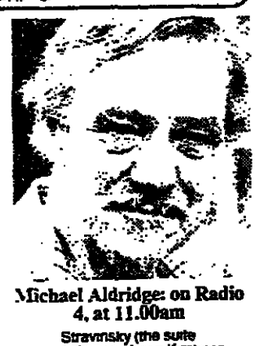
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WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Computer World 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Hard Knocks 8.30 After Berlioz 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 A Letter from Scotland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Music of Weber 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Scotland (until 5.15) 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Omnibus 6.00 News 6.01 No Laughing Matter 6.10 Book Choice 6.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Sing Gospel 11.30 Malaria: Battle in the Blood 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Great Organists Play Bach 2.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 No Laughing Matter 4.40 Book Choice (until 4.45) 5.45 World Today. All Times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Concert: Bach (Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor, BWV 903: Brendel, piano). Bizet (Chromatic Variations: Louisville Orchestra). Falla (Ritual Fire Dance, El amor brujo: Katchen, piano), Montsalvatge (Five negro songs: Victoria de los Angeles, soprano), Gottschalk (Souvenir de Porto Rico: Ivan Davis, piano). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued) Haydn (Symphony No 44: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra), Francaix (Eight exotic dances: Jean and Claude Francaix, pianos), Turina (Fantastic Dances: LPO). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Schubert. Fantasia in F minor, D 940: Lupu and Peraha, piano duet). Hymnus an die Heiligen Geist, D 948b: Bavarian RSO members and Capella Bavariae), Drei Klavierstucke, D 946: Brendel, piano)
10.00 Hartley Piano Trio: Haydn (Trio in G. H XV25), and Dvorak (Trio in B flat, Op 21)
10.55 English Choral Music: Jonathan Roberts (bass) with BBC Singers. Works by Howells, Charles Wood and W.H. Harris (Praise ye the Lord)
11.25 Mozart: Netherlands Wind Ensemble play highlights from The Marriage of Figaro, arranged by Johann Wendt
11.55 Shostakovich: BBC Welsh SO (under Owain Arwel Hughes). Symphony No 8. 1.00 News
1.05 Cardiff Concert: Malcolm Binns, piano. Mozart (Sonata in C, K330), Tchaikovsky (Two Pieces Op 10, and Dunks, Op 59), Mozart (Sonata in D major, K 576)
2.00 Guitar Encores: Anthea Gifford plays works by Dowland, Barrios, Michael Berkeley (Impromptu), Gordon Crosse and C P E Bach
2.30 Strings Past and Future: Vivaldi (Sonata in C minor, RV 5), Bach (Partita No 3 in E, BWV 1006), Vivaldi (Summer, from The Seasons), Prokofiev (Sonata No 2 in D, Op 94b).



Michael Aldridge: on Radio 4, at 11.00am

Stravinsky (the suite Italienne), Leon Kirchner (Untitled, for violin), Ravel (Sonata). 4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Brian Kay with a selection of recorded music
6.30 Portuguese Polyphony: William Byrd Choir perform Filipe de Magalhaes's Missa dilectus meus for five voices
7.00 In Image of Arcadia: Richard Cork presents a documentary about the abstract impressionist Helen Frankenthaler. Contributors include Anthony Caro, Bryan Robertson and John Elderfield.
7.30 BBC Philharmonic (under John Hopkins). Part one. Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 9)
8.05 A Halting Start: a talk about the motor car by Professor Theo Barker of the LSE
8.25 Concert (continued) Bridge (Suite for strings). Grainger (The Warriors suite)
9.25 Screen: a play by Richard Walker. With Rupert Frazer and Juliet Stevenson as the brother and sister who retrace their grandfather's steps
9.55 Medtner Piano Sonatas: ins Lovendge plays the Sonata-Triad, Op 11
10.25 Sibelius and Stenhammar: Sibelius (The Oceanides, Op 73: CBSO), Stenhammar (Serenade Op 31
11.57 News
12.00 Russian Orthodox Christmas Vigil: from the Russian Orthodox Church, London. Until

Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 8.00 Today's news 6.55, 7.55 Weather 6.45 Business news 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary 7.20 Your letters 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.43 The House at Pooh Corner. 2: In Which Tigger comes to the Forest and has Breakfast. The reader is Alan Bennett. 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross 01-580 4411. The phone-in which gives you the chance to put your questions to the experts.
10.00 From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad reported by BBC correspondents.
10.30 Morning Story. I Dream of England, by Bill Tordoff. Read by Jenny Howe.
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty Minute Theatre. Parish Magazine: First Edition, by Joan Bakewell. With Michael Aldridge as the vicar (r)
11.33 The Living World. Kith and Kin. Jeremy Cherfas discovers how animals and birds recognize their own family.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer magazine.
12.27 My Music (music panel game) (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One; News
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes items on the newsagents of Built Wells, in mid-Wales, who do more than just sell the newspapers. Also episode two of Equal Rites by Terry Pratchett, read by Sarah Badel
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: Property, by Susan Boyd. The story of a girl in the jungle of modern London. With a cast headed by Karen Ascoe, Daniel Webb and Paula Hamilton. (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Britain Revisited [new series]. A journey into the past with Anthony Burton as he follows in the footsteps of literary travellers. 1 Wool and Warships: Devon (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. A second chance to hear last night's edition of the arts magazine which was devoted to the state of the arts in Glasgow - "cultural capital ofEurope"
5.00 PM News Magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 King Street Junior. 1 Promises. Back to school for a troublesome start to the Spring Term. (s) 7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Waterlines Boat Show. Cliff Michelmore previews the 33rd International Boat Show.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts considers drugged driving.
8.30 The Tuesday Feature. After Many Cares and Bitter Sorrows. The tragedy of Charlotte Bronte's unexpected late marriage, seen through her memoirs and the letters of Mrs Gaskell. With Anna Massey, Maggie McCarthy and Natasha Pyne.
9.15 In Touch. Magazine for the visually handicapped.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on tonight's Radio 4 feature (at 8.30). After Many Cares and Bitter Sorrows.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. The Hottentot Room, by Christopher Hope. (2 of 12). Read by Jack Klaff.
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Hunter of Beautiful Words. A tribute to Arthur Waley (1889-1966), who translated Chinese and Japanese. Those taking part include his widow, Alison, and John Watts, who reads from Waley's works.
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather, travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s) 5.50-5.55pm PM (Continued)

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Merseyside rivals trade blows in transfer market

By Steve Bates

Liverpool and Everton were poised last night to complete transfer deals approaching a total of £2 million as the race for the League championship reached a new intensity.

The champions, Liverpool, were on the verge of signing Oxford's Republic of Ireland forward, John Aldridge, in a deal believed to be worth around £800,000 while Everton were close to buying Ian Snodin, of Leeds United, after the clubs agreed a fee of £840,000 — although Liverpool were expected to make a dramatic counter-bid for him.

The first blow in the struggle for Merseyside supremacy was struck by Liverpool, who followed up their weekend negotiations to land Aldridge as a replacement for Ian Rush, who leaves the club to play for Juventus in the Italian League at the end of the season.

Aldridge was due at Anfield to complete the formalities yesterday afternoon but he failed to arrive, placing embarrassed Liverpool officials ina state of confusion. A veil of secrecy was drawn over the proposed move, although chief executive Peter Robinson, manager Kenny Dalglish and chairman John Smith later left the ground to meet an Oxford deputation at a secret destination.

Before leaving Robinson, looking far from happy, commented: "There will be no information from us. Anything which does come out will be from Mr Robert Maxwell, the Oxford chairman. He holds the whip hand because he has the player under contract."

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Liverpool see Aldridge as the ideal replacement for Rush and have long been impressed with his speed and striking rate at Oxford where he has scored 72 goals in just over 100 appearances. Already this season the Irishman has hit 21 goals — only two fewer than the man he will ultimately replace.

The 28-year-old player, a boyhood Liverpool fan and a former factory tool-fitter in Speke, started with Multipart League club South Liverpool before moving to Newport in 1978 for £12,000 and on to Oxford for £70,000 almost three years ago.

Aldridge, who bears a remarkable resemblance to Rush, became anxious to leave Oxford when he was one of seven players left behind at QPR by the team bus which deliberately departed from London without them. Liverpool's concern at their failure to score more than three goals in their last five games sparked the move and Aldridge seems likely to make his debut alongside Rush in the televised FA Cup tie at Luton on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Everton were last night ahead in the race to sign Snodin but Liverpool were ready to match the offer in an effort to tempt the highly rated player to Anfield.

Snodin, the 23-year-old England under-21 international, joined Leeds for £200,000 from Doncaster in May last year and has played 55 games, scoring eight goals for the Elland Road team.

The decision to sell him is a change of attitude by Leeds, who have reluctantly accepted to cash in on their captain before his contract expires in the summer.

With that deal also in confusion, a League official said last night: "We have been talking to both Merseyside clubs for a long time and that's all we can really say."

Umpire errs in run out mix-up

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Perth

The preview to tomorrow's final of the Benson and Hedges Challenge, to be played between the same sides, ended in a victory for England over Pakistan by three wickets with two balls to spare. Needing 230 to win they made 232 for seven, Broad's 97 winning him the man of the match award.

What could have been a meaningless game was treated keenly enough by both sides to be a good and exciting one. It would be wrong to say that it was marred by some questionable umpiring decisions — the game itself transcended them — but they were certainly a talking point, one in particular. This was Ramiz's dismissal halfway through the Pakistan innings, which, although in no way central to the day's cricket, was of undoubted technical interest.

Foster having gone off with a strained knee, Gatting was doing a useful stint with the ball. He bowled a no-ball off which Ramiz was caught by Athey at short, fairly straight mid-wicket. When, as if by instinct, Ramiz began to walk off, Athey, also by instinct, returned the ball to Richards, the wicketkeeper, who took off the bails. On appeal, Ramiz was given out.

There followed a certain amount of righteous indignation, particularly from those who felt that Gatting should have recalled Ramiz. What is generally known is that a batsman can be run out off a no-ball. What Umpire French forgot, and Gatting was unaware of, was that it is necessary first to be going for a run, which Ramiz had not done.

Wearing a helmet, as he was, Ramiz may not have heard the no-ball called. If not, he had himself to blame. It was a matter of knowing Law 38 (2): "If a no-ball has been called, the striker shall not be given out unless he attempts to run." Ramiz should have been given in; but there was no question of sharp practice.

Nor were there any half measures about England's bowling. Pakistan, too, played the game as though it was the final. It showed, I thought, a lack of sense and sensitivity that Whitaker was not included in the England side. For one thing, he could be needed in Sydney on Saturday, as he was, quite unexpectedly, in the third Test at Adelaide. It was a good opportunity missed.

As he had in their two previous matches, Qasim Omar played some sparking strokes for Pakistan before Botham bowled him in the seventeenth over. Botham contributed another tidy spell at a careful pace. After starting slowly, Shoaib finished well, and Javed scored his usual gifted half-century, which included a straight drive off Emburey that would comfortably have made the first balcony at Lord's. Accelerating rather belatedly, Pakistan scored 44 from their last five overs.

Broad and Athey then set England going with a three-figure opening partnership. It was of the usual pattern, with Broad making the early running and Athey playing himself in with more deliberation. Just past half way in England's innings, Athey and Gower were out in successive overs. But Broad continued to play very well, and Lamb, sporting various bruises about his legs and thighs, made a typically breezy 32.

With eight overs left and six wickets standing, England needed 47. As Gatting said afterwards, they should not from there have made the meal of it that they did. Botham was caught at long-off; Gatting backed up too far; Richards was then brilliantly thrown out by Shoaib, and Broad was given out, caught at the wicket, when his bat looked to be some way from the hall.

With two overs left, England were still 17 short, runs which DeFreitas and Emburey scampered and glanced and drove and snicked amid plenty of excitement. "The signs," Gatting said, "are good. We didn't play well and still won." Tomorrow's final should be another close match.

Yesterday it was also the turn of the top brass of the Test and County Cricket Board to meet the Australian Cricket Board on an informal basis, to "discuss matters of mutual interest". Today, such members of the International Cricket Conference who are also here will do the same. In a way that they never did when Thomson and Lillee were imperilling the world's batsmen, the Australians are professing genuine concern about short-pitched bowling.

At last, too, the Australians sound as though they are prepared to take a harder line on over rates. None of which will be much to the liking of the West Indians, who are represented by Allan Rae and Steve Camacho, president and secretary of their Cricket Board of Control.

Final round-robin standings

	P	W	L	Pts
England	3	3	0	6
Pakistan	3	2	1	4
West Indies	3	1	2	2
Australia	3	0	3	0

RESULTS: Pakistan bt West Indies by 34 runs; England bt Australia by 37 runs; Pakistan bt Australia by one wicket; England bt West Indies by 19 runs; West Indies bt Australia by 164 runs; England bt Pakistan by three wickets.

PAKISTAN

Qasim Omar b Botham	32
Shoaib Moh'd c DeFreitas b Emburey	66
Ramiz Raja run out	15
Javed Miandad c Athey b Emburey	59
*Imran Khan c Gower b DeFreitas	23
Manzoor Elahi not out	9
Wasim Akram not out	1
Extras (lb 15, w 1, nb 8)	24
Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)	229

Mudassar Nazar, Asif Mujtaba, †Salim Yousuf and Saleem Jaffer did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-88, 3-156, 4-198, 5-225.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 9-1-24-1; Small 10-1-41-0; Foster 4-0-23-0; Botham 10-1-37-1; Gatting 7-0-24-0; Emburey 10-1-65-2.

ENGLAND

B C Broad c Yousuf b Imran	97
C W J Athey b Manzoor	42
D I Gower c Shoaib b Mudassar	2
A J Lamb c Miandad b Shoaib	32
I T Botham c Ramiz b Akram	10
*M W Gatting run out	7
†C J Richards run out	0
P A J DeFreitas not out	13
J E Emburey not out	11
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 3, nb 1)	18
Total (7 wkts, 49.4 overs)	232

N A Foster and G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-108, 3-156, 4-184, 5-199, 6-204, 7-208.

BOWLING: Akram 9.4-1-28-1; Jaffer 10-2-43-0; Imran 9-0-41-1; Mudassar 10-0-39-1; Mujtaba 3-0-19-0; Manzoor 3-0-24-1; Shoaib 5-0-24-1.

Umpires: A R Crafter and R A French.



Backbone of England: Broad, adding 97 against Pakistan. (Photograph: Graham Morris)

England days end for rugby giant

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Maurice Colclough, a veteran of the England rugby union team, has retired from the international arena. He informed the selectors of his decision at the weekend as they prepared to make today's announcement of the England team to play Scotland at Twickenham on January 17.

Colclough played in the trial at Twickenham on Saturday, but the difficulties he has met in recovering full fitness after a debilitating attack of mumps, coupled with manifold business commitments — one of which will reach a peak during this summer when the world cup takes place — persuaded him not to contest the lock forward position.

Colclough, aged 33, won 25 caps between 1978 and 1986, taking over as England captain in Paris last year when Nigel Melville left the field injured. He also made two British Lions tours, to South Africa in 1980 when, in the view of most observers, he was at the height of his powers, and to New Zealand in 1983, playing all eight internationals on the successive tours.

"I looked at the commitment required to play international rugby over these next few months," Colclough said yesterday, "and I looked at my business commitments, and there is no way I could do both of them. When I had mumps last month it left me feeling completely drained, so there was the additional problem of building up fitness again to the level needed so as not to let the other players down."

Colclough, who was married last year and now has a young family, is immersed in a business project, one of several, which involves the creation of a replica 1780s frigate in Penzance, taking it to Pembroke, and then installing it as a bar and tourist attraction in the Swansea Marina where it is due to open in April. "If I did all the work required for rugby I would have to leave the boat in its first summer season, and that would be unfair to everyone else involved.

"It's been a very difficult decision for me to take. I would have loved to play in the world cup, but it's difficult to honour fully commitments to rugby and everything else. It doesn't help living so far from London either."

Colclough will continue to play for Swansea, his fifth club after Liverpool, Rosslyn Park, AngonlAme and Wasps, but his going severs one of the few remaining links with England's grand-slam side of 1980, and leaves the selectors with an even worse headache in the second row. Not only have they lost the most experienced forward in their squad, but they will be obliged to choose an inexperienced pair against Scotland.

Nigel Redman, of Bath, has been injured but should be fit to play if selected. England, however, have been looking at him to jump at the front of the line rather than his club position in the middle of the line. Since neither Steve Bainbridge, nor Wade Dooley, both of Fylde, may be fully fit, they have the choice of giving David Cusani (Orrell) his first cap, or playing Redman in the middle and picking his club colleague, John Morrison, Colin Pinnegar (Wasps) or the more experienced John Orwin, of Bedford, or Jim Syddall, of Waterloo as the front jumper.

Colclough, who was born in Oxford, went to school in Dover and university in Liverpool, played county rugby for Sussex and Lancashire before winning his first cap. With Bill Beaumont resident in England's second row, he contested the other place with Nigel Horton (Moseley) before settling into the side during 1980. He made a remarkable recovery from the ruptured ligaments injury in 1983 occurred during England's game against France.

He retired from international rugby at the end of the 1983-4 season, but his removal from London club rugby to Swansea saw a rebirth, and he played with great vigour and application throughout the last international season, when England won their two home games and lost both away matches.

Campbell forced out by injury

Ollie Campbell, aged 33, who scored a record 217 points for Ireland in international rugby in his 22 appearances, has been forced to retire because of a recurring hamstring problem. Campbell, the former British Lions stand-off half, also toured twice with the Lions, both in 1980 and in 1983, and was a central figure in Ireland's triple-crown and championship success in 1982.

Mullery and Cherry pay the price for second division flops

By Our Sports Staff

Alan Mullery and Trevor Cherry, who between them won 62 England caps, were both dubbed second division failures yesterday. Within four hours, Mullery and Cherry were unceremoniously dismissed from their manager's jobs — at Brighton and Bradford respectively.

Mullery, aged 45, who made 35 international appearances from 1965 to 1972, departed after only seven months in charge at The Goldstone Ground, where he began his management career ten seasons ago. Cherry, aged 38, capped 27 times between 1976 and 1980, paid the price for a run of eight games without a win which has left Bradford at the bottom of the second division.

The former Huddersfield Town and Leeds United defender joined Bradford as player-manager four years ago, steering them to the third division title in 1984-5, a season which ended with the Valley Parade fire tragedy.

Brighton's promotion ambitions have been hindered by slipping to fifteenth in the second division following an appalling injury crisis, and their secretary Ron Pavey was quoted as attributing Mullery's dismissal to "personal reasons".

"Its a bit emotional down here at the moment," he added. "There was a board meeting yesterday and the chairman came in this morning and spoke to Alan Mullery. It came as a surprise to everyone and Alan was very upset."

Mullery, who previously took Brighton from the third to the first division before resigning in June 1981, had three further jobs in management — with Charlton (resigned, June 1982), Crystal Palace (dismissed, May 1984) and Queen's Park Rangers (dismissed, December 1984) — before returning to the Goldstone Ground at the end of last season.

Cherry, who won a league championship medal with Leeds in 1973-4, took Bradford back into the second division after a wait of 48 years, and guided them to a respectable thirteenth in the table last season.

The departure of Mullery, for the second time in six years from the Goldstone Ground, came in mysterious circumstances.

All Mullery would say was: "I was working without a contract, but what has happened today is enough to make me lose faith in people. Everyone is aware that there is a rebuilding process at Brighton, but I've been back only seven months."

Like Mullery, Cherry was once his club's biggest hero, bringing them back to the second division for the first time in 48 years in 1985, since when the consequences of the fire have proved an enormous handicap. It was only last month that Bradford moved back to the renovated Valley Parade after an 18-month period in which they had played most of their home games at the Odsall stadium, the town's Rugby League and others at Huddersfield and Leeds.

Last night, Stafford Heginbotham, the club chairman, said: "The league position was the deciding factor in what was a unanimous decision with only two points taken out of the last 24. Third division football would be disastrous for us with our overheads and a new ground and we thought that 20 matches would give a new man enough time to put things right."

Bradford already have a list of managers to approach and Terry Yorath, currently of Swansea, who lives in Leeds and was Cherry's assistant until last autumn must be one of the favourites.

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Bates's ticket ploy gives FA a problem

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, has given the Football Association a problem by giving 15 complimentary boardroom and director's box passes to his club's supporters for last Saturday's first division match at Luton Town.

Bates, a member of the FA Council and the Football League management committee, acted in defiance of Luton's ban on away supporters. Glenn Kirton, an FA spokesman, said yesterday: "This is a unique occurrence and therefore there is no precedence as to whether there has been any breach of FA rules."

TENNIS

LTA promise to stamp on bad discipline

Bad tempered players will find life tougher on the British tournament circuit next season. A disciplinary committee has been formed for the first time by the Lawn Tennis Association, who promise to deal quickly and firmly with offenders.

Trevor Adamson, the chairman, said: "The five disciplinary committee members are very against behaviour which brings the game into disrepute. Players will not get away with as much as they did and umpires and referees will now feel supported by the LTA. Those who swear and abuse officials will be clamped on.

Ian Peacock, the LTA's chief executive, said: "The committee will provide guidelines to referees and umpires to implement the code of conduct and secondly to act quickly as long stop in the event of an incident."

SNOOKER

Nail-biting last ball win for Hendry

By Sydney Friskin

Stephen Hendry, the Scottish champion, aged 17, was taken to the last ball of the match before he defeated Danny Fowler, of Worksop, 5-4 in the fifth round of the Mercantile Credit Classic at Blackpool yesterday.

Cutting the black finely into a corner pocket with the help of the rest, Hendry finished a match which Fowler lost on failing on a straight red.

Four frames were settled on the black ball, the second, third and ninth to Hendry and Fowler the eighth.

Apart from the chance Fowler had in the deciding frame he could have tipped the balance in his favour earlier but he paid the price for a few risky shots. The most costly was an attempted double on the last red in the second frame which Hendry won with a clearance of 35.

Fowler's battle for survival reached a high point in the eighth frame when he despatched a long pink into a corner pocket and followed up with the black to level the score at 4-4.

Terry Griffiths who reached the quarter-final with a 5-3 over John Campbell, said:

"Steve Davis and I are the only two players out of the top 16 in the world who have qualified for the final stages of all the season's ranked events, but I have yet to reach a quarter-final, whereas Steve makes a habit of doing so."

FIFTH ROUND: S Hendry (Scot) bt D Fowler (Eng), 5-4. Frame scores (Hendry first): 27-80, 80-53, 82-53, 65-12, 21-83, 71-43, 15-63, 53-57, 65-44, T Griffiths (Wales) bt J Campbell (Aus), 5-3. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 91-31, 65-45, 78-12, 67-14, 8-95, 32-71, 34-77, 89-33.

GOLF

Big Open purse on horizon

The British Women's Open Championship is set to become a major international tournament. The Ladies Golf Union are negotiating with Mark McCormack's International Management Group to promote the championship, which will be staged from July 30 to August 3.

Prize money of £100,000 is already guaranteed for this year, but that figure could easily be outstripped if IMG — who represent many of the world's top golfers — reach a successful conclusion with sponsors.

Trish Todd, the chairman of the LGU's championship committee, said yesterday: "We are very excited. I have visions of the ladies' British Open getting larger and larger and becoming a worldwide event."

Officials hope the eventual purse will beat that for the 1984 championship, when Hitachi put up £160,000. The Japanese company withdrew their backing when television decided against further coverage and the tournament was rescued by the Royal and Ancient, who have provided most of the prize money for the last two years.

Laura Davies, of Surrey, collected £9,000 from a total prize fund of £60,000 when she became the first British professional to win the title at Royal Birkdale last October.

● Maxine Burton, one of the founder-members of the Women's Professional Golf Association, has been named its new chairman. Miss Burton, aged 29, a former England international, takes over from Beverly Lewis.

SPORT IN BRIEF

WBA tips Eastwood

Barney Eastwood, manager of Herol Graham, the European middleweight champion, has been advised by the World Boxing Association to contact the Marvin Hagler camp and put pressure on for a world title fight.

Graham is the WBA official number one challenger but his efforts to secure a fight have been hampered by Hagler's commitment to defend the WBC version of the title against Sugar Ray Leonard in April. The WBA have now informed Hagler that he has entered into a 30-day period of negotiation.

Rugby death

A French rugby league player, Jean-Francois Tare, aged 32, died from a brain haemorrhage in hospital yesterday after being injured in a hard tackle during a championship match in Carcassonne on Sunday.



Graham: Title seeker

Rally battle

Shekhar Mehta, of Kenya, consolidated his lead in the 12,297km Paris to Dakar motor rally by setting the scratch time for uesterday's second stage from El Golea to In Salah, Algeria. However, the Finn Ari Vatanen, also driving a works-prepared Peugeot 205, who was delayed in Paris, moved up from 41st to ninth, 50 minutes behind the leader, by posting the second fastest time. Andrew Cowan, of Britain, was fourth overall.

Live cricket

The Perth Challenge cricket final between England and Pakistan tomorrow will be covered live on BBC2 from 5.30 am until its conclusion.

Dilley bid

Gladstone Small's county, Warwickshire, revealed that they are joning in the race for England's opening bowler, Graham Dilley, who is contemplating leaving Kent. Warwickshire's negotiations in Australia will be conducted by Bob Willis, the former England captain.

Not for sale

An offer for Wigan's Great Britain utility back, Shaun Edwards, by St Helens, the league leaders, has been contemptuously rejected by Wigan. "We ignore pirates, and Edwards is not for sale at any price," Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan vice-chairman, said.

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